



President Donald Trump speaks at the Economic Club of New York at the New York Hilton Midtown in New York, Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019.

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Trump to face limits of his power in impeachment hearings

By JONATHAN LEMIRE

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NEW YORK (AP) — For three years, Donald Trump has unapologetically defied the conventions of the American presidency. On Wednesday, he comes face to face with the limits

of his power, confronting an impeachment process enshrined in the Constitution that will play out in public and help shape how the president will be viewed by voters next year and in the history books for generations.

Trump accepted the Republican nomination, declaring that "I alone can fix" the nation's problems. Once elected, he set about reshaping the presidency, bending and dismantling institutions surrounding the 230-year-old office.

Now a parade of career public servants will raise their hands and swear an oath to the truth, not the presidency, representing an integral part of the system of checks and balances envisioned by the Founding Fathers.

"Trump can do away with the traditions and niceties of the office, but he can't get away from the Constitution," said Douglas Brinkley, presidential historian at Rice University.

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"During Watergate, many people feared that if a president collapsed, America is broken.

But the lesson of Nixon is that the Constitution is durable and the country can handle it."

The Democrats will try to make the case that the president tried to extort a foreign nation, Ukraine, to investigate a political rival, former Vice President Joe Biden. But even if the House ultimately votes to make Trump only the third American president to be impeached, few expect the Republican-controlled Senate to eventually remove Trump from office.

"Even if reelected, it's a dark mark," Brinkley said. "He does not get off scot-free. There is a penalty you pay."

Trump enters the crucible of

the public hearings largely alone — by his own design. He has killed the White House daily press briefing, likes to make announcements himself on Twitter and prefers to get his message out during chaotic jousting sessions with reporters in the Oval Office or as he comes and goes to his presidential helicopter. He has railed against the lack of support from his own staff and Republicans on Capitol Hill, insisting that they stop limiting their complaints to the impeachment process and start defending his actions, a request that has unsettled some Republicans trying to get a handle on ever-shifting explanations coming from the White House.

Although a number of the president's advisers believe that impeachment could be a political winner for

Trump on the campaign trail next year, the president has reacted angrily to the probe. He defends his summer phone call with Ukraine's leader, which is at the heart of the inquiry, as "perfect" while deriding the impeachment effort as a conspiracy among Democrats and the "deep state." Some help is on the way. The White House bolstered its communications team by hiring former Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi and former Treasury spokesman Tony Sayegh. But Bondi and Sayegh may not be in place before Wednesday's hearings, owing to paperwork associated with entering White House employment, according to a White House official who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss personnel matters.

The Republican National Committee will be lining up supporters to publicly defend the president, including a Thursday conference call for regional reporters with presidential son Eric Trump that is aimed at putting pressure on vulnerable House Democrats. Many of them represent districts that the president won in 2016. Although Trump teased Tuesday that he will soon release the transcript of his April phone call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy, White House officials are not confirming that any such release is forthcoming. That first call to Zelenskiy is widely known to have been largely a congratulatory conversation after Zelenskiy's election. It was the rough transcript of Trump's second call with Zelenskiy, in July, that prompted a whistleblower's complaint.

Releasing a transcript of the first call could be an attempt by the White House to distract from the congressional hearings, though the impeachment



The U.S. Capitol is seen as the sun sets, Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019, in Washington.

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inquiry has moved well beyond the phone calls into broader attempts by the president and his allies to prod Ukraine to investigate Democrats by using U.S. military aid as leverage. Trump has his own version of counterprogramming ready to go up against the hearings. He is scheduled to hold a noon meeting Wednesday with Turkey's Recep Tayyip Erdogan and hold a joint afternoon news conference with the Turkish leader. Their meeting comes just weeks after Trump's decision to pull most U.S. forces out of Syria led to a violent Turkish invasion.

In the morning, Trump is expected to watch the impeachment proceedings from the White House residence and on a TV just off the Oval Office.

The president's supporters, meanwhile, have been working to discredit the proceedings by finding fault with the way the process has played out and the cast of witnesses who have come forward to testify.

"At its core, this is an impeachment push by career bureaucrats to undermine President Trump's 'America First' foreign policy and politically minded Democrats who want to kneecap him

ahead of the 2020 election," said Jason Miller, senior adviser to Trump's 2016 campaign. "If Republicans stick together, Trump will not just survive this, he will defeat the impeachment hoax and be re-elected. It's merely the latest episode in a pattern of Democrats and unelected bureaucrats trying to undermine the presidency."

The timetable for the impeachment proceedings is not firm. But a trial in the Senate, were it to occur, could stretch until the first presidential votes are cast in February's Iowa caucus. The final stakes could rest with the voters next year.

"Trump is now up against the Constitution, but he's not the only thing on trial: So are we the people, as the preamble described us so long ago," said presidential historian Jon Meacham of Vanderbilt University. "Impeachment is a political, not a legal, process, and those with a political stake in this presidency — which is to say, his supporters at large and in the House and the Senate — need to decide which is more important: the efficacy of checks and balances or the continued reign of a president who seems to take pleasure in flouting those checks and balances." □

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Man: Slashing 'Baby Trump' was matter of good versus evil

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — An Alabama man charged with criminal mischief in the slashing of a towering "Baby Trump" balloon has defended his actions, saying it was a matter of good versus evil.

Al.com reports Hoyt Deau Hutchinson called the syndicated radio show "Rick & Bubba Show" on Monday to describe what happened. Hutchinson said he was shaking in anger when he drove past the balloon and its handlers Saturday during President Donald Trump's visit to see Louisiana State play against the University of Alabama.

He yelled at the protesters, but then realized they might have seen him, so he bought a University of Alabama shirt to better blend into the crowd and get close to the balloon, he said. Pretending he wanted a picture with the balloon, Hutchinson said he used a material cutter with a sharp razor to slice the symbol open.

The orange, diaper-clad caricature of the president is often floated at Trump appearances to protest and mock the president, which the balloon shows clutching a cellphone. The balloon measures over 20

feet (6.1 meters) tall and was left with an 8-foot-long (2.4-meter-long) gash in its backside.

"I get so mad about people not taking a stand," he said. "The left wants to use religion against you like you

sus evil. When you got one party that says it's OK to kill babies and by the way, this is the first time I'm ever seen a liberal get mad about chopping up a baby."

He said he yelled "Trump 2020" as he was being ar-

rested. He later posted bail and was released.

When asked about his motivations, the 32-year-old Hutchinson told the radio station he keeps up with politics by watching Fox News and his two favorite

anchors, Tucker Carlson and Sean Hannity.

"I'm not young but I'm not old. I'm sort of middle aged. I feel like a lot of people my age don't keep up with the news and politics the way they should," he said. □



This undated photo provided by the Tuscaloosa Police Department shows Hoyt Hutchinson.

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shouldn't act like this and stuff but I'll tell you this — the Devil knows the Bible as good as we do."

Asked if the slashing was Hutchinson's attempt to echo the Biblical story of Jesus turning over the temple tables of money changers, he said yes.

"It comes a point when you gotta take a stand. We don't have two parties anymore. We have good ver-



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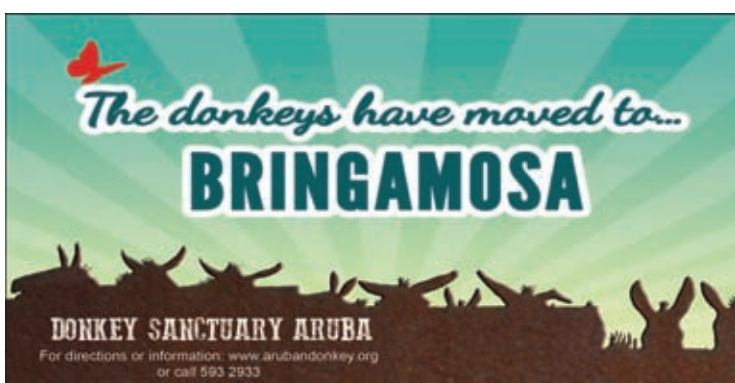
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In this Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019, photo, former President Jimmy Carter teaches Sunday school at Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains, Ga.

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Former President Carter out of surgery, no complications

By JAY REEVES and SHAMEKA DUDLEY-LOWE

ATLANTA (AP) — Former President Jimmy Carter was recovering Tuesday following surgery to relieve pressure on his brain from bleeding linked to recent falls.

A statement from his spokeswoman said there were no complications from the procedure, performed at Emory University Hospital for a subdural hematoma, blood trapped on the brain's surface.

Carter, 95, will remain in the hospital for observation, said Deanna Congileo, his spokeswoman at the Carter Center.

The statement said the Carters thank everyone for the many well-wishes they have received, and Congileo doesn't anticipate making more announcements until he's released.

It was unclear how long Carter might be hospitalized, said his pastor, the Rev. Tony Lowden.

"If anybody can make it through this Jimmy Carter can. His will to serve is greater than his will to give up," said Lowden.

The Carter Center said the bleeding was related

to Carter's recent falls. He used a walker during his most recent public appearance.

The first fall, in the spring, required hip replacement surgery. He hit his head falling again on Oct. 6 and received 14 stitches, but still traveled to Nashville, Tennessee, to help build a Habitat for Humanity home shortly thereafter. And he was briefly hospitalized after fracturing his pelvis on Oct. 21.

Carter's wife of 73 years, Rosalynn Carter, is with him at the hospital, Lowden said. "She won't leave his side," Lowden said.

Large bleeds, usually after major trauma, can be life-threatening. But often, especially in elderly patients, the injury is a slow leak that takes a while to build up until initial symptoms such as headaches and confusion appear, said Dr. Lola B. Chambless, associate professor of neurological surgery at Vanderbilt University.

"It's very typical in this setting to see these develop a few weeks or even a month or so after a fall," said Chambless, who has not treated Carter. □

Court rules against warrantless searches of phones, laptops

By STEVE LeBLANC

BOSTON (AP) — A federal court in Boston has ruled that warrantless U.S. government searches of the phones and laptops of international travelers at airports and other U.S. ports of entry violate the Fourth Amendment.

Tuesday's ruling in U.S. District Court came in a lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union and the Electronic Frontier Foundation on behalf of 11 travelers whose smartphones and laptops were searched without individualized suspicion at U.S. ports of entry. ACLU attorney Esha Bhandari said the ruling strengthens the Fourth Amendment protections of international travelers who enter the United States every year.

The ACLU describes the searches as "fishing expeditions." They say border officers must now demonstrate individualized suspicion of contraband before they can search a traveler's electronic device.

The government has vigorously defended the searches as a critical tool to protect America.

The number of electronic device searches at U.S. ports of entry has increased significantly, the ACLU said. Last year, the government conducted more than 33,000 searches, almost four times the number from just three years prior.

Documents filed as part of the lawsuit claim the scope of the warrantless searches has expanded to assist in enforcement of tax, bankruptcy, environmental and consumer protection laws, gathering intelligence and advancing criminal investigations.

The court documents also



In this Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018 file photo, travelers check their phones at Indianapolis International Airport in Indianapolis.

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said agents with U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement consider requests from other government agencies in determining whether to search travelers' electronic devices.

They added that agents are searching the electronic devices of not only targeted individuals but their associates, friends and relatives.

Requests for comment from Customs and Border Protection, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Department of Homeland Security were not immediately returned Tuesday.

Jessie Rossman, a staff attorney at ACLU's Massachusetts chapter, said the ruling is a victory for constitutional protections against unreasonable searches and seizures.

"The court said today that suspicionless searches at the border of cell phones and laptops violate the Fourth Amendment," Rossman said.

Rossman said two of the plaintiffs — Ghassan and Nadia Alasaad — were

stopped as they tried to re-enter the U.S. after a visit to Canada. Both are U.S. citizens and live in Massachusetts.

Rossman said Nadia Alasaad felt uncomfortable handing over passwords because she wears a head covering as part of her religious beliefs.

She asked that a female officer review her phone because it contained photos of her and her daughters without their headscarves. Alasaad said she was told that would take a few more hours.

The couple, who had already been delayed several hours, ultimately decided to leave their phones — which they did not have returned to them for 15 days, according to Rossman.

Ten of the plaintiffs in the case were U.S. citizens. One was a permanent legal resident.

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Record cold follows early snowstorm over much of eastern U.S.

By **CAROLYN THOMPSON**

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BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Snow and cold records fell as an arctic airmass that started in Siberia spilled over a big chunk of the eastern half of the U.S., including the normally mild South, on Tuesday.

The mid-autumn taste of winter brought record single-digit temperatures to Chicago and environs; set snowfall records in Buffalo and Detroit; dusted cars with snow in Memphis, Tennessee; and froze lakes in Minnesota weeks earlier than usual.

Wisconsin farmer Bob Grove still has soybeans in the field, 20 miles south of Milwaukee, but said he can't harvest them because the snow will clog the machinery.

"Normally, you don't see this kind of weather to well into December," Grove said. "It's caught us off guard, as far as getting crops harvested. Doing what we can in between snow, rain, mud."

The roughly 10 inches of snow in Buffalo and Detroit by Tuesday morning was a record depth for the time of year, weather service records show. Areas of Vermont and Maine saw similar totals as a wintry mix also closed or delayed hundreds of schools in northern New England.

"This is an air mass that's more typical for the middle of January than mid-November," National Weather Service meteorologist Kevin Birk said in Chicago, where Tuesday morning's low of 7 degrees (minus 13 Celsius) broke the previous record of 8 (minus 13 Celsius), set in 1986. "It is pretty much

about the coldest we can be this time of year (and) it could break records all over the region."

At least six cities in Kansas set new record lows Tuesday, led by Garden City, which dropped to minus 1 (minus 18 Celsius), breaking the record of 7 (minus 14 Celsius) set just last year. Records also fell in Wichita, Salina, Russell, Dodge City and Medicine Lodge.

In St. Louis, the mercury dipped to 11 degrees, breaking a record for the date that had stood since 1911.

Warming shelters in Memphis offered relief from a reading of 21 degrees (minus 6 Celsius), also a record low for the date.

Schools and businesses as far south as the Gulf Coast states opened late or closed Tuesday because of the unusual cold.

About 20 school systems delayed opening across north Alabama under the threat of wintry precipitation, including all the public schools around Huntsville.

Even more opened late or closed in Tennessee, and a handful of businesses and schools opened late in Georgia.

Forecasters said daytime temperatures would remain in the 30s across a wide area of the South. Freeze warnings reached from eastern Texas to coastal South Carolina, with overnight lows predicted in the 20s.

The dip to 8 degrees (minus 13 Celsius) in Indianapolis gave the city its earliest recorded fall temperature in the single digits. The closest similar reading was 11 degrees (minus 11 Celsius)

recorded on Nov. 3, 1951.

Farther north, heavy lake-effect snow piled more than 10 inches high near Goshen.

In Ohio, authorities investigated two fatal wrecks in snowy and icy conditions Tuesday, one on the Ohio Turnpike in Richfield and another in Clark County. Seven passengers on a New York City-bound bus escaped serious injury when it turned on its side on a snow-slicked highway south of Syracuse. A section of Interstate 90 in Pennsylvania was back open Tuesday after being closed overnight because of jack-knifed tractor-trailers. □



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Split Supreme Court appears ready to allow Trump to end DACA

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sharply at odds with liberal justices, the Supreme Court's conservative majority seemed ready Tuesday to allow the Trump administration to abolish protections that permit 660,000 immigrants to work in the U.S., free from the threat of deportation.

That outcome would "destroy lives," declared Justice Sonia Sotomayor, one of the court's liberals who repeatedly suggested the administration has not adequately justified its decision to end the seven-year-old Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. Nor has it taken sufficient account of the personal, economic and social disruption that might result, they said. But there did not appear to be any support among the five conservatives for blocking the administration. The nine-member court's decision is expected by June, at the height of the 2020 presidential campaign.

President Donald Trump said on Twitter that DACA recipients shouldn't despair if the justices side with him, pledging that "a deal will be made with the Dems for them to stay!" But Trump's past promises to work with Democrats on a legislative solution for these immigrants have led nowhere. The president also said in his tweet that many program participants, brought to the U.S. as children and now here illegally, are "far from 'angels,'" and he falsely claimed that "some are very tough, hardened criminals." The program bars anyone with a felony conviction from participating, and serious misdemeanors may also bar eligibility.

Some DACA recipients, commonly known as "Dreamers," were in the courtroom for the arguments, and many people



Martín Batalla Vidal waits in line at the Port Authority Bus Terminal in New York to take a bus to Washington, Monday, Nov. 11, 2019.

camped out in front of the court for days for a chance at some of the few seats available. The term comes from never-passed proposals in Congress called the DREAM Act.

The high court arguments did not involve any discussion of individual DACA recipients or Trump's claims. Instead the focus was on whether either of two administration rationales for ending DACA, begun under President Barack Obama, was enough.

Trump's anti-immigrant rhetoric was a key part of his presidential campaign in 2016, and his administration has pointed to a court ruling striking down the

expansion of DACA and creation of similar protections, known as DAPA, for undocumented immigrants whose children are U.S. citizens as reasons to bring the program to a halt.

After lower courts stepped in to keep the program alive, the administration produced a new explanation memo from Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen.

Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Brett Kavanaugh were among the justices who indicated on Tuesday that the administration has provided sufficient reason for doing away with the program. Kavanaugh referred to

Nielsen's memo at one point as "a very considered decision." Roberts suggested that worries that DACA is not legal might be enough to support ending it.

Roberts, who could hold the pivotal vote on the court, aimed his few questions at lawyers representing DACA recipients and their supporters. He did not seriously question the administration's argument.

However, justices' questions don't always foretell their votes. In June the chief justice surprised many when he cast the deciding vote to prevent the administration from adding a citizenship question to the 2020 census, despite not voicing much skepticism during arguments in the case.

Justices Neil Gorsuch and Samuel Alito raised questions on Tuesday about whether courts should even be reviewing the executive branch's discretionary decisions.

Sotomayor made the only

direct reference to Trump, saying he told DACA recipients "that they were safe under him and that he would find a way to keep them here. And so he hasn't."

She also complained that the administration's rationale has shifted over time and has mainly relied on the view that DACA is illegal, leaving no choice but to end it.

In her most barbed comment, Sotomayor said the administration has failed to plainly say "that this is not about the law. This is about our choice to destroy lives." Solicitor General Noel Francisco, representing the administration, did not directly respond to Sotomayor. But near the end of the 80-minute arguments, he asserted that the administration has taken responsibility for its decision and is relying on more than merely its belief that DACA is illegal. The administration has the authority to end DACA, even if it's legal, because it's bad policy, he said. "We own this," Francisco said.

If the court agrees with the administration in the DACA case, Congress could follow up by voting to put the program on surer legal footing. But the absence of comprehensive immigration reform by Congress is what prompted Obama to create DACA in the first place, in 2012, giving people two-year renewable reprieves from the threat of deportation while also allowing them to work.

Young immigrants, civil rights groups, universities and Democratic-led cities and states sued to block the administration. They persuaded courts in New York, San Francisco and Washington, D.C., that the administration had been "arbitrary and capricious" in its actions, in violation of a federal law that requires policy changes to be done in an orderly way.

If the justices sustain the challenges, the administration could try again to end the program. A lawsuit in Texas claiming that DACA is illegal also would be likely to go forward. □



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L.A.'s Gómez elected 1st Hispanic to lead U.S. Catholic bishops

By DAVID CRARY and REGINA GARCIA CANO
Associated Press

BALTIMORE (AP) — Archbishop José Gómez of Los Angeles, an immigrant from Mexico, pledged to push for a more welcoming immigration system after winning election Tuesday as the first Hispanic to head the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"I'm humbled by your support," said Gómez, whose predominantly Hispanic archdiocese of 4 million Catholics is the largest in the U.S. "I think it is a blessing for the Latino community."

The issue of immigration is personal to Gómez, who has relatives and friends on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border. He described the situation at the border as a "tragedy" and said he witnessed the "suffering of the people there" during visits to south Texas cities last year.

"It's an essential cause," he said of overhauling immigration policy. "Our encouragement to elected officials is to find a good, solid immigration reform that allows people to move legally."

Gómez, 67, has been vice president of the bishops' conference for the past three years. He is considered a practical-minded conservative in terms of church doctrine but has made clear his disappointment over key immigration-

control policies adopted by the Trump administration.

He said he was praying for a favorable outcome from the U.S. Supreme Court after it heard arguments Tuesday on whether the administration could end a program that allows some immigrants to work legally in the U.S. while protecting them from deportation. Gómez and other bishops want the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program to be extended.

"Archbishop Gomez is a quiet pastor with a powerful voice for immigrants," tweeted John Gehring, Catholic program director at a Washington-based clergy network called Faith in Public Life. "The first Latino to lead Catholic bishops at a time when the Trump administration is attacking immigrants won't be afraid to call out racism and nativism."

Gómez succeeds Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, archbishop of Galveston-Houston, whose three-year presidency was complicated by the church's clergy sex-abuse crisis.

Following the election of Gómez, the bishops chose Detroit Archbishop Allen Vigneron, 71, as the new vice president. By tradition, that puts him in line to become president in three years, although he would be close to the mandatory retirement age of 75 at that point.

Like Gómez, Vigneron has criticized some U.S. policies he deemed hostile to immigrants. He is considered a staunch conservative on many other Catholic issues, though some conservatives have complained that he should halt a long-running Dignity Mass in Detroit that advocates full inclusion of LGBT Catholics.

Ordained in 1975, Vigneron was named archbishop of Detroit in 2009 by Pope Benedict XVI. Before that, the Michigan native served as a bishop in Oakland, California.

Gomez was born in Monterrey, Mexico, and studied theology at the University of Navarra in Spain. He was ordained an Opus Dei priest in 1978 and worked in the Galveston-Houston area and in Denver before being named archbishop of San Antonio in 2004. He became archbishop of Los Angeles in 2011.

In August, after a gunman targeting Mexicans killed 22 people at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas, Gómez wrote a powerful statement condemning white supremacy and noting that Spanish was spoken in North America before English.

Also Tuesday, the Catholic bishops voted to authorize development of a "comprehensive vision" for Hispanic ministry, to be completed over the next few years.

While Hispanics account for about 37% of all U.S. Cath-



Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, of Los Angeles, smiles during a news conference after being elected president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops during their Fall General Assembly on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019 in Baltimore.

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olics, they are no longer a majority-Catholic group, according to the Pew Research Center. A recent Pew survey said 47% of Hispanics in the U.S. now call themselves Catholic, down from 57% in 2009.

In discussing outreach to Hispanics, many bishops brought up the role of Catholic education.

"I'd like to see you really promote our Catholic schools," said Cardinal Sean O'Malley, the archbishop of Boston. "But we know that the vast majority of our Hispanic families cannot afford them." He suggested the use of tax credits and vouchers to help offset the cost of tuition.

He also suggested building more youth centers for Hispanic children that offer after-school and weekend

programs, which he said keep young people "out of gangs" and "close to the church."

One of the most heated exchanges among the bishops was over whether opposition to abortion should be designated the "preeminent" priority for the church in the U.S.

Some bishops in the conference's relatively liberal faction expressed concern that this phrasing undercuts Pope Francis' recent calls for emphasizing other priorities as well.

But an effort to modify the letter failed by a 2-to-1 margin.

"I like the pope's text, and I believe it—but I am against anyone denying that abortion is the preeminent social issue of our time," said Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia. □

Legal opinion: EU lawmakers should decide on Catalan leader

By **SAMUEL PETREQUIN** Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — A legal adviser at the EU's highest court said on Tuesday that it should fall to the European Parliament, and not to Spain, to decide whether a jailed Catalan leader can serve as a European lawmaker.

In a non-binding opinion, the European Court of Justice's advocate general, Maciej Szpunar, said since Oriol Junqueras has been elected to the EU Parliament, Spain cannot be allowed to suspend his mandate.

Such legal opinions are not legally binding but are often followed by the court.

"Even if this is not the final decision on the matter, this is good news as the advocate general's opinion argues that the European Parliament is competent to defend Mr. Junqueras' immunity," said Ska Keller, the president of the Greens/EFA group in EU Parliament, with which Junqueras is allied.

"We hope that this important decision will now be confirmed by the (court),"



In this Monday, May 20, 2019 file photo, the leader of the Catalanian ERC party Oriol Junqueras leaves after collecting his credentials at the Spanish parliament in Madrid, Spain.

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Keller said. "We have always defended the right of our colleague to take up his seat."

Junqueras, who has been detained in Spain since November 2017, was elected as a member of the European Parliament in May. But Spain's Supreme Court refused to allow him out

of jail to take the oath that Spanish law requires, and his seat was declared vacant.

Junqueras, who has since been convicted and given a 13-year sentence for sedition and misuse of public funds, brought the loss of his rights as a European lawmaker to the Supreme

Court, which referred it to the European court.

Szpunar said that unless a European lawmaker's immunity has been waived by the European Parliament, Spanish authorities are "required to refrain from any measure which might obstruct the necessary steps" of the member to take up

his role.

Alongside Junqueras, two other Catalan leaders — former regional leader Carles Puigdemont and Toni Comin — have been barred from taking their seats at the European Parliament because they have not taken the oath. Both currently live in exile in Belgium and are fighting extradition to Spain.

Puigdemont welcomed Szpunar's opinion, saying on Twitter that it "demonstrated another injustice" against Junqueras.

It remains unclear what it might mean for Junqueras should the court back Szpunar's opinion. Leading Spanish daily El Pais said Puigdemont and Comin would likely use it to try to take their seats and get immunity.

Insisting on the "constitutional importance of the case," Szpunar said European lawmakers' status should be overseen only by EU law, "failing which the Parliament's independence and the autonomy of the EU's legal order overall would be called into question." □

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French police detain 18, clear protesters at Spanish border

MADRID (AP) — French police detained 18 pro-Catalan independence protesters Tuesday and used pepper spray and batons to push back demonstrators who blocked a major highway border crossing between France and Spain for more than 24 hours.

The police then began towing away vehicles and debris and authorities announced the reopening of the road to traffic hours later.

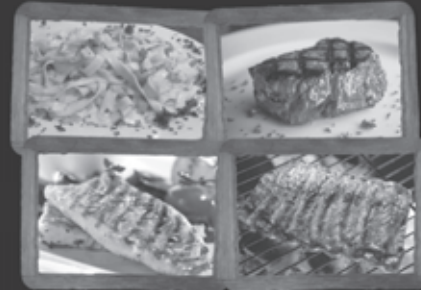
The police action led to some scuffles, and some protesters could be seen crying from the effects of the spray. The regional administration said no one was injured in the operation, which took all morning.

Several hundred protesters

remained around La Jonquera crossing, and Catalan regional police from Spain were standing by.

The planned three-day protest started Monday. It was organized by a clandestine activist group called Tsunami Democratic, which has staged many protests, some violent, since a dozen Catalan separatist leaders were convicted last month for their role in a 2017 push to make Catalonia independent from Spain.

The A9-AP7 highway connects Perpignan in France with Barcelona in Spain and is a key thoroughfare for trade and tourism between the countries. Thousands of vehicles had been sent on detours through the Pyrenees to try to cross the border elsewhere. □

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Israeli airstrike kills Islamic Jihad commander in Gaza home

By FARES AKRAM

ARON HELLER

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)

— A pair of Israeli airstrikes targeted senior Islamic Jihad commanders in Gaza and in Syria early on Tuesday, escalating Israel's confrontation with Iran across the region and threatening to unleash another devastating round of cross-border violence with Palestinian militants.

In eastern Gaza, the Israeli strike killed Bahaa Abu el-Atta and his wife, setting off a furious barrage of rocket attacks reaching as far as the Tel Aviv heartland as Islamic Jihad vowed further revenge. The Israeli military says Abu el-Atta was the mastermind of recent attacks against it, and responsible for most of the rocket, sniper and drone fire from the region.

Meanwhile, Syrian state media said an Israeli airstrike in the capital, Damascus, targeted another Islamic Jihad commander, Akram al-Ajouri, who was not harmed.

The Israeli military had no comment on the strike in Damascus. Syria's state-run news agency said Israeli warplanes fired three missiles at al-Ajouri's home, killing his son and granddaughter.

The sudden surge in violence looked to awaken Israel's increasingly open conflict with Iran and its proxies in the region. The Israeli government has been criticized by southern border residents for its relative inaction in response to recent militant attacks. The Cabinet was holding



Palestinians check the damage of a house targeted by Israeli missile strikes in Gaza City, Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019.

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an emergency meeting to discuss further action in Tel Aviv.

The airstrikes come at a tenuous time politically for Israel, as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu leads a caretaker government after two inconclusive elections. His chief challenger, former military chief Benny Gantz, is currently trying to build a coalition government of his own.

Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus, a military spokesman, told reporters that Abu el-Atta was a "ticking time bomb," saying he had been responsible for a number of recent rocket attacks on southern Israel and claimed that he was actively planning new attacks.

"We essentially over the last

week have been waiting for the opportune moment to conduct this surgical strike," he said.

Conricus added that the airstrike had been carried out with a warplane that destroyed only the floor of the building where Abu el-Atta was hiding in order to minimize "collateral damage."

The airstrike damaged the half of the second and most of the third floor of a house in the Shejaeya neighborhood, in the eastern part of Gaza City. The house was known to be Abu el-Atta's home. His relatives and the Islamic Jihad said the woman killed in the strike was Abu el-Atta's wife and the two wounded were their children.

The militant group said Abu el-Atta, 42, was undergoing "a heroic act" when he was assassinated. It did not elaborate, but vowed revenge.

Minutes after the Iran-backed group confirmed the death, barrages of rockets could be heard fired toward Israel. Air raid sirens continued to go off throughout the morning, in rapid succession, as far as Tel Aviv.

Israel also shut down crossing points into Gaza and reduced the permissible fishing area off the territory's coast to 6 nautical miles in anticipation of a looming confrontation and schools were canceled in Israeli communities and towns along the Gaza

Strip's boundary and all the way to Tel Aviv, about 90 kilometers (56 miles) north of Gaza.

Islamic Jihad often carries out attacks independent of Hamas, the larger militant group that controls Gaza. Conricus described Abu el-Atta as a powerful figure in Gaza who often acts alone without instruction from Tehran or Hamas.

Israel had no further plans to resume its assassinations of militant leaders — a practice that in the past has triggered heavy fighting. "There was no other choice," Conricus said.

In Damascus, a military official said Israeli warplanes fired three missiles toward the Syrian capital, with one being destroyed by Syria's air defenses before reaching its target.

The two others struck the home of al-Ajouri in the Mezzeh neighborhood, the official said. Al-Ajouri's son Muath was killed, along with his granddaughter Batoul. A second man identified as Abdullah Yousef Hassan was killed and nine civilians wounded, the unidentified official said according to Syrian state-media.

An Associated Press reporter at the scene said the attack destroyed the three-story building in Damascus, located on a main highway about 50 meters (yards) across from the Lebanese Embassy. The building was blackened, its windows blown out. Civil defense workers were at the scene, lifting debris and tending to electricity cables. Power had gone off in the neighborhood from the attack. □

Bosnian border police sound alarm over migration pressure

By **ELDAR EMRIC**

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) —

The chief of Bosnia's border police warned Tuesday that his guards cannot contain the migratory pressure along the country's eastern border with Serbia and that the situation could easily escalate and put in danger the overall stability of the politically fragile nation.

Zoran Galic told The Associated Press in an interview that securing the nation's entire 1,600-kilometer (995-mile) border along a popular migration route into Europe was like the "work of Sisyphus." That was a reference to the Greek mythical hero who was condemned for eternity to push a rock up a mountain only to watch it roll all the way down every time he reaches the top.

"We are in a constant struggle to deter migrants, but they never quit," he said.

Describing the scale of the problem, he said: "We encounter women who are



In this photo taken Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019, Bosnian border police officers guard migrants after making the illegal crossing from Serbia by the Drina river, the natural border between Bosnia and Serbia, near eastern Bosnian town of Zvornik, Bosnia.

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eight months pregnant, juvenile children, and we are doing our best to treat them morally, with respect for all international (human rights) conventions."

Since the start of the year, more than 13,000 migrants have arrived in Bosnia, according to Bosnian government statistics. The impoverished country is unable

to provide them with appropriate accommodation and many are left without access to hot meals, showers or proper medical care, to the growing consterna-

tion of local communities.

Galic said his border police forces is short 1,000 officers and the modern technology required to secure the borders. He said the country only has one officer per every 30 kilometers (19 miles) of border.

Bosnia is located along the so-called Balkan route that migrants from the Middle East, Central Asia and North Africa take in hopes of reaching western Europe. The route became more popular nearly three years ago after other countries in the region sealed off their borders.

Most migrants arrive in Bosnia from Serbia after moving relatively unimpeded across the poorly guarded border between the two countries. From there they walk northwest to Bosnia's border with the European Union-member Croatia.

The Bosnian border with both Serbia and Croatia is mostly porous, with rivers, mountains and vast tracts of forest. □

Polish opposition celebrates taking control of Senate

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WARSAW, Poland (AP) —

Poland's opposition parties elected their candidate as speaker of the Senate on Tuesday, a small victory for them that allows them to act as a check on the power of the populist right-wing ruling party.

Senator Tomasz Grodzki was elected speaker in a 51-48 vote with one abstention during the first sitting of the newly elected party. Grodzki hailed the move as a victory for democracy. Until Tuesday's vote, it was not certain that the opposition parties would manage to take control of the Senate.

For the past four years, the ruling Law and Justice party has put through a series of laws giving it much greater power over the judicial system. The European Union has often expressed its concerns that the party was eroding judicial independence, warning that rule of law in the young democracy was on the line.



The leader of Poland's ruling right-wing Law and Justice party, Jaroslaw Kaczynski, center, swears in as a member of the parliament during a gala inauguration of a new four-year term of the national parliament in Warsaw, Poland, Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019.

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In many cases, with control of the both houses of parliament, the party would rush laws through without allowing opposition lawmakers any say.

Now, the Senate will be able to slow down, though not block, the passage of laws. Perhaps even more importantly, the Senate has the power to appoint the

heads of some key state bodies and the opposition — if it maintains its majority — will be able to block the nominations of some ruling party loyalists.

Law and Justice has been trying to win over some of the opposition members in Senate, but has so far failed.

Earlier Tuesday, the lower house of parliament, also named its speaker — Elzbieta Witek of Law and Justice.

President Andrzej Duda opened the first day of parliament's four-year term with a speech that paid homage to Poland's tradition of being a land of tolerance and a place where many ethnic and religious groups lived for centuries in relative harmony. He also paid tribute to Roman Catholicism and strong family traditions that he credited with preserving the social fabric over a difficult history.

The parliamentary election on Oct. 13 gave a second term Law and Justice party, which won nearly 44% of the votes, the highest percentage of any party since Poland returned to democracy 30 years ago. □

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Air quality sinks to 'severe' in haze-shrouded New Delhi

By RISHAB R. JAIN

NEW DELHI (AP) — A thick gray haze blanketed India's capital on Tuesday, with authorities attempting to reduce the pollution by sprinkling water to settle dust and banning some construction.

The air quality index exceeded 400, considered "severe" and about eight times the recommended maximum, according to the state-run Central Pollution Control Board.

Buildings and monuments in New Delhi were largely obscured by the haze and residents complained of health effects.

"We can't breathe properly. My eyes are burning," said Urmila Devi, who lives in Ghaziabad, one of the capital's most polluted ar-

eas.

Favorable winds had briefly halved the level of pollutants, but winds blowing from the northwest carried air-borne particles from burning crops in Punjab and Haryana states to New Delhi, leading again to high levels of pollution, according to the government's air quality monitoring system, SAFAR.

Air pollution in northern India peaks in the winter due to smoke from agricultural fires. Farmers say they are unfairly criticized and have no choice but to burn stubble to prepare their fields for the next crop.

The smoke from fields mixes with vehicle emissions and construction dust, making New Delhi the world's most-polluted capital.



A sweet candy vendor walks amidst thick layer of smog as he looks for customers in New Delhi, India, Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019.
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Rising pollution levels have also irked foreign visitors, with some saying they plan to cut short their trips because of health concerns. "We are in the capital of

India. The government should put more effort into tackling this problem," said Rijil Odamvalappil of Abu Dhabi, who was visiting New Delhi with his wife.

Some residents say the pollution is so bad that it should be the most important issue for the government.

Pollution controls have been imposed, such as sprinkling water from high-rises and banning some construction to settle or avoid dust, but the capital's poor air quality has continued amid calls for the government to do more to address the root causes.

Restrictions on private vehicles meant to reduce emissions were relaxed on Monday and Tuesday for the 550th anniversary of the birth of Guru Nanak, the founder of the Sikh religion. Doctors in the city of 20 million people say many of their patients are complaining of ailments related to the filthy air they breathe. □

Kazakhstan offers to host Russia-Ukraine meeting

MOSCOW (AP) — Kazakhstan's ex-president said Tuesday he offered to host the leaders of Russia and Ukraine for talks on settling the conflict in eastern Ukraine, but the Kremlin was noncommittal about such an encounter.

The fighting between Russia-backed separatist rebels and Ukrainian troops in Ukraine's industrial east has killed more than 13,000 people since 2014. A 2015 deal brokered by France and Germany has helped reduce the scale of hostilities, but political settlement

has stalled.

Nursultan Nazarbayev, who stepped down as Kazakhstan's president earlier this year but continues to wield considerable influence, said that he suggested that the leaders of Russia and Ukraine meet in his country. He said he had spoken to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who reacted positively. Nazarbayev noted that he had told Russian President Vladimir Putin that Zelenskyy is ready for a meeting, but he didn't say how Putin reacted.

Putin's spokesman, Dmitry

Peskov, said that Russia is grateful to Nazarbayev for his mediation efforts but believes that such talks need to be thoroughly prepared and produce concrete results.

"President Putin doesn't reject any meetings, but he believes that preparatory work needs to be completed," Peskov said in a conference call with reporters. Zelenskyy, who was elected in a landslide in April on promises to end the fighting in the east, has pushed for talks about ending the conflict. □



Russia-backed separatist rebels' unit walk to take their position at the new line of contact outside Petrivske, Ukraine, Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019.

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Evo Morales reaches Mexico as Bolivia seeks new leader

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LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — Evo Morales, who transformed Bolivia as its first indigenous president, flew to exile in Mexico on Tuesday after weeks of violent protests, leaving behind a confused power vacuum in the Andean nation.

Morales was met at Mexico City's airport by Foreign Secretary Marcelo Ebrard after a flight from Bolivia on a Mexican government plane and repeated his allegations he had been forced to resign by a coup. "The president of Mexico saved my life," Morales said, thanking President Andrés Manuel López Obrador for granting him asylum. He vowed to "continue the struggle."

Meanwhile, supporters and foes of Morales once again headed for clashes in the streets of Bolivia's capital Tuesday and military fighter jets occasionally roared overhead on patrols.

An opposition leader called for a Senate session to choose an interim leader, but it wasn't immediately clear if the body could gather.

Prodded by military leaders, Morales stepped down Sunday following weeks of widespread protests fed by allegations of electoral fraud in the Oct. 20 presidential election that he claimed to have won.

Resignations by every other constitutionally designated successor left unclear who would take his place and how.

The Senate's second vice president, opposition politician Jeanine Añez, called a legislative session on Tuesday to formally accept Morales' resignation and choose an interim replacement.

Under the plan, she would take temporary control of the Senate, making her next in line for the presidency.

"The country is experiencing dramatic moments and all parliamentarians have the obligation to give certainty to the country," she told a news conference.

But it wasn't immediately clear if the session would



Former Bolivian President Evo Morales waves upon arrival to Mexico City, Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019. Associated Press

occur or if it a majority of senators would go along. Morales backers still have a majority in the body.

Several said that roadblocks set up by Morales' opponents were complicating efforts to reach the session.

Morales' departure was a dramatic fall for the one-time llama shepherd from the Bolivian highlands and former coca growers' union leader who as president helped lift millions out poverty, increased social rights and presided over nearly 14 years of stability and high economic growth in South America's poorest country.

In the end, though, his downfall was prompted by his insistence on holding onto power despite a public referendum against continuous reelections.

"It pains me to leave the country for political reasons, but I'll always be concerned," Morales said on Twitter. "I'll return soon, with more strength and energy." Mexican Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard published a photo of Morales holding the flag of Mexico, saying that the plane had left Bolivia and that Morales was safe.

Ebrard said Mexican diplomats had to scramble to arrange a flight path for the plane because some

nations initially closed airspace to it. The plane stopped in Paraguay to refuel and was due to arrive in Mexico later on Tuesday. Angry supporters of the socialist leader set barricades ablaze to close some roads leading to the country's main airport Monday, while his foes blocked most of the streets leading to the capital's main square in front of Congress and the presidential palace. Police urged residents of La Paz to stay in their homes and authorities said the army would join in policing efforts to avoid an escalation of violence.

Local media reported that Morales supporters were marching on La Paz from the nearby city of El Alto, a Morales stronghold, to try to break the street blockades thrown up by his opponents and reach the capital's main square.

But the tensions were defused after Gen. Williams Kaliman, the chief of the armed forces, announced a joint police-military operation in a television address. He said the hope was to "avoid bloodshed and mourning of the Bolivian family," and he urged Bolivians to help restore peace.

"It was a night of fear. I couldn't sleep and I just kept praying," said Yorka López, a homemaker, who handed out warm cof-

fee to neighbors who had stayed out throughout the night in the streets guarding homes and businesses. Defense Minister Javier Zavaleta, a veteran politician and Morales ally, resigned over the decision to deploy the military.

Some sense of normalcy was returning to some cities Tuesday, with businesses rolling up the metal sheets that had guarded them from looting in past days, but some services remained interrupted.

Ronald Arias said he had left his home in El Alto and walked for three hours to his job in downtown La Paz because the cable car connecting the cities was suspended or security reasons and the barricades blocked access to public transportation.

Like Morales, Arias is also a native Aymara, and he said he was proud of the indigenous former leader. Thanks to him, his parents, who live in the countryside gained access for the first time to running water and gas for cooking.

"I was so saddened by his resignation," he said. "A lot of people in El Alto shed tears for the president."

Morales' presidency, the longest among serving leaders in the region and the longest ever in Bolivia, ended abruptly Sunday,

hours after Morales had accepted calls for a new election by an Organization of American States team. The team reported a "heap of observed irregularities" in the Oct. 20 election whose official results showed Morales getting just enough votes to avoid a runoff that analysts said he could lose against a united opposition.

Morales stepped aside only after the military chief called on him to quit, saying that was needed to restore peace and stability. His vice president also resigned as did the Senate president. The only other official listed by the constitution as a presidential successor, the head of the lower house, had resigned earlier.

Morales called the ouster a coup — a description echoed by his allies and others across the region worried at the military's role in deciding who should be president.

But his critics said the ouster was caused by a popular revolt, not a coup.

"Academics and the press have been very critical of the Bolivian military. But this might be the only time in Bolivian military history that the military is on the right side for once," said Eduardo Gamarra, a Bolivian political scientist at Florida International University.

"There's nothing here that remotely mirrors a traditional military coup," Gamarra added. "Perhaps this is a time that the military is playing a role that it should play. It's not intervening in what are essentially civilian affairs."

Morales, who was from the poor Andean highlands, had promised to remain austere when he became president in 2006. But shortly after, he bought a new airplane and built a 26-story presidential palace with a heliport.

"He fought poverty, he lifted our economy, but perhaps he wasn't well advised," said España Villegas, a linguist who watched televised replays of Morales' resignation while awaiting a flight at the airport. □

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Helin and Tavo from Estonia, the first ones to buy the book An Aruban In Libya

By Clyde Harms
ORANJESTAD — On their very first trip to Aruba, Helin, Tavo and their daughter Hanna became the first “Airbnb” guests at Milagro’s Garden Apartments and the first ones to purchase the book *An Aruban In Libya* written by Clyde Harms, an Exxon retiree. The book tells the stories of his years 1966-1973 with Esso in Tripoli.

The printing of the book was financed by two Venezuelan brothers living in Aruba, Alberto and Irwin Perret-Gentil, as a gift to the Koningin Wilhelmina Fonds, the Aruban foun-

dation equivalent of the American Cancer Society. All profits (100%) from the sale of *An Aruban In Libya* go to the Foundation. The book is hard covered, contains 111 pages and over 150 very interesting pictures. Its prologue was written by Mrs. Lynn Long, a frequent visitor to Aruba from Salt Lake City, Utah. It was edited by Irene Peterson who has edited two other books by the same author.

Tavo and Helin tell us that they are enjoying the Aruban sun, the turquoise blue sea and the great variety of cacti. They had a blast

visiting the Butterfly Farm several times, climbing the Hooiberg, exploring the Northeast coast and the small lonely beaches. They have found the Arubans very friendly and hospitable. They have tried and enjoyed several ethnic restaurants. When they get back to faraway freezing Tallinn, they will long again for the sunny weather of Aruba.

An Aruban In Libya has not yet been launched officially, but it is for sale at the Koningin Wilhelmina Fonds office at Spinozastraat and will be at the local book stores in a couple of days



at the very low price of US\$ 20. It is a beautiful souvenir of Aruba and would be a wonderful Christmas gift. Purchasing *An Aruban In Libya* you will also help Aruba fight the dreaded disease. □

Love4Art Studio exhibition at the National Library



ORANJESTAD — Love4Art Studio consists of a group of 10 creative women that comes together throughout the year to create some art. Once a year they put all their creations together and expose these to the public. This annual exhibition will be open for the public until November 29th of 2019 at the National Library of Aruba in Oranjestad.

This year Love4Art Studio choose the theme ‘Journey’ for their exhibition. This exhibition consist of acrylic paintings and assembled artpieces. The ladies taking part to this are: Anna Fit-Buriakova, Carina Molina, Diana Hopman-Betjes, Dina Legger, Geneviève Wientjes, Gina Jie Sam Foek, Marianne Beijderwellen, Roelie Groenewegen, and Sandra Slabbekoorn-Wijngaarde. As a token of appreciation for the continuous support they receive from the National Library the ladies of Love4Art donated a painting to the library created by all of them. The exhibition is open daily to the public from 8am-5PM from Monday thru Friday. Entrance is completely free. □

“Aruba’s people are very hospitable”, says Alfred and Marion Olieszewski



ORANJESTAD — Recently, Kimberley Richardson of the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure to honor Aruba’s loyal and friendly visitors as Goodwill Ambassadors of Aruba. The symbolic Goodwill Ambassador certificate is presented to guests who visit Aruba 20 years or more consecutively.

The honorees were the couple Alfred and Marion Olieszewski from USA. These people have been visiting Aruba for over 25 years and even sometimes twice a year!

These wonderful people stated that they love the island very much, especially for its year-round sunny weather, nice sandy beaches, delicious variety of foods, its safety, and Aruba’s warm and friendly people. They also mentioned that Aruba’s people are very hospitable and they will help you in any way they can.

Ms. Richardson together with the representatives of the Renaissance Aruba Resort and Casino presented the certificate to the honorees, handed over some presents and also thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination and as their home-away-from-home. □

Faye Ranch, a special horse sanctuary hidden in Jamanota



by Dilma Arends Geerman
SANTA CRUZ — Aruba has one special horse sanctuary and it started with a Holy Communion gift decades ago. The stead is an effort by Frederique Drost, her husband Oliver de Jong and their children. Together they founded the Equine Sanctuary Aruba, ESA, which is called Faye Ranch. The ranch is dedicated to the rescue of weak, sick, and even mistreated horses.

"The name Faye is based on where we lived before moving permanently to Aruba. We lived in Houston, on Faye Road. There, I worked with a horse sanctuary as well," Drost explains. Drost was born and raised in The Netherlands and was always interested in horses. Her parents gave her first horse, a pony, on her Communion Day. But Parinka, as she called her pony, was to be shared with her younger sibling. She got her own horse when she was a little older and called it Lightfeet, which is the name of the horse in the popular Dutch children series book *Arendsoog* (Eagle's Eye). Since then, Frederique dedicated her life to the care of horses and has over 40 years of working directly with horses and other equines.

Her husband's work allowed family De Jong/Drost to travel around the world, visiting Aruba once before. After Houston they decided to return to Aruba and bought their home close to the Arikok National Park. The location and spacious property was exactly what the family was looking for to realize their next plans. Frederique was always set on having a horse sanctuary on the island.

The initial work was hard. Husband and children all helped in creating

pathways in the thorny acacia tortuosa or as it is known, the Hubada tree which is abundant in the area. The family ensured to create shady spaces and enough safe areas for injured horses to move around and hide from the sun. The first two horses that arrived at Faye Ranch were Olympia and Rocky. Frederique always looks first at the legs and hooves of the horses and in the case of Olympia she was unfortunately too far gone. Her pain was

unbearable and she had to be euthanized. Rocky luckily has improved and is now accompanied by Prince. "Faye Ranch cannot take more than four horses at the same time. That is the maximum number for the space we have," says Drost.

Why the hooves

Drost is a specialist in equine hoof care. However, unlike most farriers who do also the trimming and bal-

ancing of horses hooves, she does not believe in the need of iron shoes. In fact she wonders whether people understand the damage a horse shoe does to the health of a horse or any other equine, like donkeys, particularly, if the hooves are not regularly trimmed. "Hooves are more important to the animal's health than most people realize. Iron shoes do not only weaken the hooves but also affect the nerves connected to the feet. Because of the iron shoes horses do not get to feel the ground or floor. And as a result, most develop arthritis or other issues that cause lots of pain and suffering."

Drost assures that a horse or a donkey for that matter do not need iron shoes. "Their hooves are made of keratin, the same as human nails. And like nails, hooves grow. But natural movement keeps the growth under control. This explains why donkeys and horses need big spaces to roam around and thus keep their hooves under control in a natural way." A horse needs to walk at least 16 kilometer a day in order for its hoof not to grow too much and become a problem she says. "A hoof is like a nail but one that is needed to hold up the weight of the animal. An iron shoe is like an acrylic layer on the natural nail. This means that like with human nails this unnatural material will debilitate the nail or in this case, the hooves." Moreover, an iron shoe can even take away the stability of a horse. Horses can easily lose their footing because of the iron shoes, which contribute to the animals experiencing 800 times more impact when walking.

Horseback riding

Frederique encourages horseback riding tours on the island as it is one way to get the animals out walking. She urges the ranches however to take the time of the day into consideration to avoid harsh sun. "And they truly should focus on the care of legs and the hooves. Take care of the wellbeing of the animal. Ideally, remove the iron shoes to avoid slipping and the negative physical impact."

With a little help

The work at Faye Ranch is substantial. Trimming and healing deformed hooves is not easy as horses do not always cooperate. Drost keeps a log on everything she does and photographs the development of the hooves.



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Faye Ranch, a special horse sanctuary hidden in Jamanota

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Currently she is getting the help of one or two volunteers and despite their willingness the island's veterinarians are not specialized in this type of work. She also receives support from the Wit Gele Kruis (White Yellow Cross), which is a foundation that is specialized in providing care at home. She gets lots of materials she needs for the horses from them. Other than that the entire operation is financed by the family. The hope is to get more support. "We put the manure available for gardeners to pick up, in exchange for either apples and/or carrots to feed the horses."

Faye Ranch is about more than just caring mistreated horses. The goal is to educate the entire community on the care of horses and therefore the ranch welcomes school children to visit. This way children can appreciate the value of caring for animals and learn about the importance of providing equines the necessary natural space. Also it is quite clear that the effects of horses on humans can be major. "A horse can provide tranquility and I have noticed this with a youngster who used to come and help here

at the ranch. The boy was restless and could not attend school because of anxiety issues. His family and I saw a change in demeanor. The horses responded to him in a way that made him feel much calmer." And even though Faye Ranch is not directed towards people in the Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), children with this disorder who can deal with animals are more than welcome," Drost continues.

The ranch is another project that enriches Aruba and illustrates that the island is a place where care and love can be offered to the most vulnerable, including horses who need more attention. The family strives to be sustainable and promote the use of local vegetation to provide food and shade to the horses who roam the property thanks to carefully placed food and water. Faye Ranch is a haven for Rocky and Prince and also for local, colorful singing birds who at the same time control the fly population. □

For more information and volunteering at Faye Ranch, visit the Facebook page Faye Ranch. For donations, visit equinesanctuary.weebly.com



The Kitchen Table enters fifth year of gastronomic success on NEW location: A very fine culinary journey of Caribbean and Peruvian fusion cuisine



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The 7-8 course gastronomic journey will start with sparkling wine at the patio of The Kitchen Table's new location at Paradise Beach Villas as of 6.45PM. Around 7.00PM guests will be guided for a memorable dinner on the second floor of the other popular restaurant Asi es mi Peru. The dining concept reflects extraordinary, elegant and exquisite dishes from the Caribbean, Peruvian fusion and international cuisine created by the owners, Chef David Lizano and his team. To pair the perfect wines three sommeliers were invited to make the section.

The interior of the restaurant is if you were in an elegant establishment in Lima, the capital city of Peru. You feel elevated in the top of the building where dinner takes place in an intimate setting. The typical, colorful Peruvian fabrics dress the ceiling while the large windows dignify the room. There are only 16 seats available creating an intimacy underlined by the owner's personal attention. "This is an amazing



experience," says Robert J. Giordanella from New York. "The food is truly divine," shares a local guest. An evening at The Kitchen Table will be noted as unforgettable in your book of vacation memories, as it stands out from the regular island dinners.

It is all about consistency

The Peruvian-born Roxana Salinas and her husband Jan van Nes are the secret formula behind The Kitchen Table's success. The couple takes a personal approach to what they do, this is not about running a business as usual. This is more about making you feel welcomed home, as well as being pampered. They bring top hospitality, experience and authenticity to the table. Within this gourmet dinner

concept the two blended the Peruvian culinary art of Roxanna's top kitchen team and Jan's expertise from The Kitchen Table. The result is one big trip of delight, indulge and tickling of your taste buds. The first night at the new location will be tomorrow, from then The Kitchen Table welcomes you with open arms every Tuesday to Saturday.

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Today's Happening



A weekly calendar with a selection of what's going on in Aruba



Wednesday 13

Full Moon Chanting Circle

- Join us for this month Chanting Circle at the Aruba Peace Labyrinth. We will be chanting "Om" and other chants and mantras for purification, healing, compassion and gratitude for all we have. We will be chanting together and use mainly our voices but also feel free to bring an instrument. Please also bring a shawl, sweater, a cushion or towel. The evening will be closed with a gratitude circle and you may bring some tea, fruit or snack to share.
- 7PM-8:30PM
- Aruba Peace Labyrinth (Alto Vista Chapel)
- Facebook Gea Sougé Life Coaching

Thursday 14

Photography Exhibition

- The Talk of the Town Hotel & Beach Club in collaboration with the Art Museum of the Americas is delighted to announce the creation of Aruba Photo Room. The space will feature contemporary photographers from countries members of the Organization of American States (OAS) as well as permanent observer states. The collection will be updated every three months and it will be free and open to the public.
- 11:00AM-8:00PM
- Talk of the Town Hotel, Oranjestad
- Facebook: Talk of the Town Hotel & Beach Club



Friday 15

Requiem 350 | Ode to Rembrandt

- 'Requiem 350 | Ode to Rembrandt' is a new contemporary theatrical experience consisting of dance, drama, music, visual and video art. In its dreamlike setting it's inspired on the myths surrounding Rembrandt most famous painting 'the night watch'.
- 8PM-10PM
- Aruba House of Culture, Oranjestad (Cas di Cultura)
- Facebook Cas di Cultura - Aruba's Cultural Platform since 1958



Saturday 16

International Aruba 7's Rugby Day

- First Time ever Rugby Tournament to be held on Aruba. With teams from France, Great Britain, The Netherlands, Trinidad & Tobago, Germany, Curacao and Aruba!
- 9:00AM-2:00PM
- Joe Laveist Stadium, San Nicolas
- Facebook Aruba Rugby Union



Sunday 17

Ride, Walk Run & Swim for the Roses

- Wilhelmina Cancer Funds invites you to their annual Ride, Walk Run & Swim for the Roses. The race is as follow: 6KM Walk and Run Alhambra - Phoenix Hotel - Alhambra 20KM Biking Alhambra - Lighthouse - Alhambra 1.3KM Swimming Bushiri Beach - Casa Del Mar - Alhambra 600M Swimming for kids Tamarijn Hotel - Casa Del Mar - Alhambra
- At the end of the race every participant will receive a medal in form of a rose representing all the cancer survivors and persons dealing with this disease.
- 5:30AM-10AM
- Alhambra Mall
- Facebook Koningin Wilhelmina Fonds Aruba



Monday 18

Love4Art Studio presents 'Journey'

- Annual Group exposition by Love4Art Studio. Come see their latest works, paintings, assemblage works and a Group installation.
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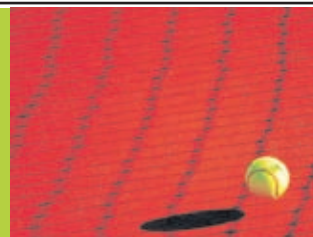
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SPORTS



Switzerland's Roger Federer celebrates after defeating Italy's Matteo Berrettini in their ATP World Tour Finals singles tennis match at the O2 Arena in London, Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019.

Associated Press

Thiem beats Djokovic in 3 sets to advance at ATP Finals

By MATTIAS KAREN
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Dominic Thiem became the first player to advance from the group stage at the ATP Finals after outlasting five-time champion Novak Djokovic 6-7 (5), 6-3, 7-6 (5) in a seesaw crowd pleaser on Tuesday.

That leaves Djokovic facing a winner-takes-all match against Roger Federer — in a highly anticipated rematch of this year's epic Wimbledon final — to decide who will join Thiem in the semifinals.

Federer beat Matteo Berrettini 7-6 (2), 6-3 earlier, which means he and Djokovic both have a 1-1 record before playing each other in their last round-robin match on Thursday.

Thiem improved to 2-0 after beating Federer on Sunday, while Berrettini was eliminated after a second straight loss.

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Seahawks hand 49ers their first defeat in OT thriller

San Francisco 49ers defensive back Emmanuel Moseley, left, breaks up a pass intended for Seattle Seahawks wide receiver D.K. Metcalf during overtime of an NFL football game in Santa Clara, Calif., Monday, Nov. 11, 2019.

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Ravens grab top spot in AP Pro32 poll; Patriots are No. 2

By SIMMI BUTTAR

AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Lamar Jackson has been one of the most dynamic players in the league this season. The Baltimore Ravens quarterback has 2,036 passing yards and 15 touchdowns, along with 702 rushing yards and six rushing TDs. Jackson went 15 for 17 for 223 yards and three touchdowns and added a dazzling 47-yard touchdown run in the Ravens' 49-13 rout of winless Cincinnati, Baltimore's fifth consecutive victory. And Jackson and the surging Ravens have flown all the way to the top of the latest AP Pro32 poll. Baltimore received seven of the 12 first-place votes for 375 votes in balloting Tuesday by media members who regularly cover the NFL.

"Shakeup at the top. The Ravens earned the top spot with the victory over the Patriots," said Charean Williams of Pro Football Talk. "How many No. 1s are we going to have this year?" There have been three so far.

The New England Patriots, who were on their bye week, received the remaining five first-place votes for 372 points and moved up a spot to No. 2. The Patriots' only loss this season came in Week 9 at Baltimore.

The San Francisco 49ers, who were the league's last unbeaten team, dropped from the top spot to No. 3 after losing 27-24 in overtime Monday night to the Seattle Seahawks. Russell

Wilson and the Seahawks moved up a spot to No. 4 and trail the 49ers by a half-game in the NFC West.

"Russell Wilson's magic continues in a thrilling comeback in an overtime win against previously unbeaten San Francisco," Newsday's Bob Glauber said. "The Seahawks quarterback shows once more why he's on track to win his first MVP ... (coach) Pete Carroll doing a fabulous job."

The NFC North-leading Green Bay Packers gained two spots to No. 5 after holding on to beat the Carolina Panthers 24-16.

And the New Orleans Saints fell four spots to No. 6 after losing 26-9 to the Atlanta Falcons, who entered the game with one win on the

season.

"The Saints just received a rather loud wakeup call in the Big Easy, courtesy of the last-place Falcons," said Ira Kaufman of Fox 13 in Tampa, Florida.

The Minnesota Vikings, who trail the Packers by a game in the division, inched up a spot to No. 7.

And the AFC South-leading Houston Texans also moved up a spot to No. 8 despite being on a bye. The Texans head to Baltimore to take on the Ravens on Sunday. The sputtering Kansas City Chiefs fell three spots to No. 9 after losing to the Tennessee Titans in Patrick Mahomes' return. The Chiefs have lost four of six after getting off to a 4-0 start. They will close out Week 11 when they face the Los An-



Baltimore Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson (8) celebrates his touchdown during the second half of NFL football game against the Cincinnati Bengals, Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019, in Cincinnati.

Associated Press

geles Chargers in Mexico City on Monday night.

And despite losing at home to the Vikings on Sunday night, the Dallas Cowboys rounded out the top 10 for

the second consecutive week.

"Cowboys could be wasting a lot of talent if not in (the) playoffs," Fox Sports' John Czarnecki said. □

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Seahawks knock 49ers from unbeaten ranks with 27-24 OT win

By JOSH DUBOW

AP Pro Football Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) —

Russell Wilson high-stepped his way down the sideline before hugging coach Pete Carroll after Jason Myers' kick split the uprights.

After a wild overtime that featured a rare Wilson interception, a missed field goal by San Francisco and a questionable decision from 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan, the Seahawks had knocked the Niners from the ranks of the unbeaten and made sure the NFC West would remain tight down the stretch.

Myers kicked a 42-yard field goal after Chase McLaughlin missed a kick earlier in overtime, and the Seahawks handed the San Francisco 49ers their first loss with a 27-24 victory on Monday night.

"That was the craziest game I've ever been a part of," Wilson said.

Myers gave Seattle (8-2) its second straight overtime win after Wilson got the Seahawks into position with an 18-yard scramble on third-and-3. After being iced by a timeout, Myers delivered one week after missing two field goals and an extra point, moving Seattle on the heels of San Francisco (8-1) in the NFC West.

"We practice these situations every day," left tackle Duane Brown said. "Russell Wilson is the best quarterback in the league. When you have him under center, I don't care how much time is on the clock. We feel like we have a chance."

The Seahawks blew an opportunity to win the game on the opening possession of overtime when Wilson was intercepted at the 4 by Dre Greenlaw.

It was Wilson's second interception of the season and



San Francisco 49ers quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo, left, avoids being sacked by Seattle Seahawks defensive end Jadeveon Clowney (90) during the second half of an NFL football game in Santa Clara, Calif., Monday, Nov. 11, 2019.

Associated Press

just the second red-zone interception in overtime in the last 25 years, according to STATS, with Jacoby Brissett having the other in 2017 against San Francisco. Greenlaw returned it 47 yards to the Seattle 49 and the Niners moved the ball 20 yards before McLaughlin missed badly to the left on a 47-yard attempt. McLaughlin had made his first three field goals after being signed earlier in the week when Robbie Gould went down with a quadriceps injury.

"Just rushed it a little bit, hit it a little high and unfortunately missed it," McLaughlin said.

The teams then traded punts, the Seahawks took over at their 36 with 1:25 remaining after Jimmy Garoppolo threw three straight incompletions as San Francisco burned only 14 seconds off the clock with Seattle out of timeouts. "Definitely wish we had

taken more time off the clock, but was counting on us catching one of those balls," Shanahan said. After the defenses dominated much of the game with each team scoring a defensive touchdown and generating three takeaways apiece in regulation, the quarterbacks traded late drives for field goals that set the stage for overtime.

Wilson drove the Seahawks 47 yards before Chris Carson was stuffed on third-and-1, leading to a 46-yard field goal by Myers with 1:45 to play.

Garoppolo and the Niners took over from there and used short passes to move the ball down to the 29 where McLaughlin kicked a 47-yard field goal with 1 second left to tie it at 24.

MAKING A POINT

The Seahawks shut down San Francisco's running game, allowing only 3.2 yards per carry and forced

Garoppolo into an off night with his receivers contributing with several drops. Garoppolo finished 24 for 48 for 248 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

He was sacked five times and missed injured tight end George Kittle and Emmanuel Sanders, who left in the first quarter with a rib injury.

"We wanted to prove we were the best defense on the field today," Seahawks linebacker Bobby Wagner said. "We understood what people were thinking because of the last two weeks. We felt like we had something to prove."

CLOWNEY'S DAY

Jadeveon Clowney had his biggest impact since joining Seattle this season. He returned a fumble 10 yards for the Seahawks' first touchdown, set up another with a strip sack and had five quarterback hits on the day.

BONE HEAD PLAY

The 49ers got a defensive score of their own in the fourth quarter. K'Waun Williams sacked Wilson, knocking the ball loose to right tackle Germain Ifedi. Ifedi tried to run with the ball but Fred Warner knocked it loose again and DeForest Buckner ran it in 12 yards for the score.

"What was he thinking? He thought he was going to score," coach Pete Carroll said.

BIG PLAY

The Seahawks were poised to take the lead into halftime when D.K. Metcalf took a short pass from Wilson and ran it inside the 5. But as he was fighting for more yardage, safety Jaquiski Tarrt ripped it out of his hands at the 2-yard line for an impressive fumble recovery.

DEBUT PERFORMANCES

Diggs started in his first game for Seattle since being acquired last month in a trade from Detroit. Receiver Josh Gordon also made his Seahawks debut after being claimed off waivers last week from New England. He caught a 13-yard pass to convert a third down on the late field-goal drive in the fourth quarter and another to convert a third down in overtime.

INJURIES

Seahawks: WR Tyler Lockett left with a bruised leg and might have to stay in the Bay Area overnight. TE Luke Willson left with a hamstring injury.

49ers: Sanders (ribs) left in the first quarter. DT D.J. Jones was sidelined later in the first half with a groin injury. LB Azeem Al-Shaair left with a concussion in the third quarter. RB Matt Breida left in the second half with an ankle injury. DL Ronald Blair left the game with a knee injury. □



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Austria's Dominic Thiem celebrates after defeating Serbia's Novak Djokovic in their ATP World Tour Finals singles tennis match at the O2 Arena in London, Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019.

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The Djokovic-Federer rematch was always going to be the highlight of the group stage at the season-ending tournament — where they have 11 titles between them — but now becomes even more of a blockbuster with a semifinal spot directly at stake.

Federer also has the added incentive of avenging that Wimbledon defeat, when the Swiss star missed two match points before losing 13-12 (3) in the deciding set.

"Actually, it's good for me to play him again, and maybe that all helps to get a chance to get him back," Federer said. "Maybe it took me a few days, couple weeks at most, to get over the Wimbledon loss. . We'll find out, but I think it's all flushed away from my side. A lot of water has gone under the bridge since then."

Federer has failed to reach the semifinals only once in his previous 16 appearances at the ATP Finals, in 2008, while Djokovic is trying to equal the Swiss star's record of six titles.

Thiem, for his part, has now beaten Djokovic in four of their last five meetings — although the previous three wins came on clay, his favorite surface.

In the best match of the tournament so far, Djokovic needed to play near flawless tennis in the first set — making just two unforced errors — to hold off the Austrian.

At 65 minutes, the first set alone was longer than Djokovic's entire straight-sets win over Berrettini on Sunday.

But Thiem's aggressive shot-making started paying dividends after that, as he broke Djokovic to take a 2-0 lead in the second set and then again to start the third. However, Djokovic fought back to level at 3-3 and then thought he had earned a match point when Thiem served at 5-4. With the score at 30-30, Thiem's forehand was initially called wide — before a Hawk-Eye review showed that it had clipped the line. Thiem held and then broke Djokovic at love — only for the Serb to break right back when the Austrian served for the match.

Djokovic led 3-0 and 4-1 in the tiebreaker before Thiem won five straight points and then converted his second match point when his opponent hit a forehand into the net.

Federer earned the only break point of the first set at 6-5, but Berrettini saved it with a forehand volley. □



Washington Capitals right wing Garnet Hathaway (21) tries to get the puck past Arizona Coyotes goaltender Antti Raanta (32), of Finland, during the second period of an NHL hockey game, Monday, Nov. 11, 2019, in Washington.

Associated Press

Coyotes win in shootout, snap Capitals' win streak at 6

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conor Garland scored the shootout winner minutes after an apparent Capitals overtime goal was waved off by video review, and the Arizona Coyotes responded from blowing a big lead to beat Washington 4-3 Monday night.

The NHL-leading Capitals' winning streak was snapped at six. The Coyotes ended their own three-game skid.

Arizona blew a 3-0 lead for a second consecutive game but came away victorious this time. The Coyotes thought they lost in OT when T.J. Oshie scored, but the goal was wiped out after a replay review because the play was offside. Making a rare start for Arizona, goaltender Antti Raanta was one of the best

players on the ice in making 31 saves during regulation and overtime. Raanta went spread eagle to deny Jakub Vrana 63 seconds in, made a Grade-A save on Tom Wilson less than a minute later and slid over to stop Alex Ovechkin from his patented spot on the power play in the third period. Clayton Keller scored in the first period, and Christian Fischer and Michael Grabner had goals 35 seconds apart early in the second to build the Coyotes' lead. Evgeny Kuznetsov scored twice and Oshie tied it with 1:16 left to send the game to overtime.

HURRICANES 8, SENATORS 2
RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Sebastian Aho scored twice, Joel Edmundson had a goal and two assists, and Carolina beat Ottawa to

snap a four-game losing streak.

Warren Foegele, Ryan Dzingel and Martin Necas each had a goal and an assist, and Haydn Fleury and Dougie Hamilton also scored to help the Hurricanes win for only the second time this month (2-4-0) after matching a franchise record with eight wins in October. Andre Svechnikov and Brett Pesce each added two assists, and Petr Mrazek stopped 26 shots for his eighth win of the season. Colin White and Brady Tkachuk scored for Ottawa, which had won three of its previous four games. Anders Nilsson gave up four goals on 19 shots before being pulled in the second period, and Craig Anderson stopped 20 of the 24 shots he faced. □

Walker scores 29 to lead Celtics past Mavericks 116-106

By The Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Kemba Walker made a trio of key 3-pointers in the fourth quarter and finished with 29 points, Jaylen Brown added 25 points and 11 rebounds, and Boston beat the Dallas Mavericks 116-106 Monday night in the Celtics' first game since Gordon Hayward had surgery on his broken left hand.

Marcus Smart scored 17 points, Daniel Theis chipped in with 11 and Brad Wanamaker had 10 for Boston, which won its eighth straight game since a season-opening loss at Philadelphia.

Jayson Tatum shot 1 for 18 from the field and scored only five points for the Celtics.

Luka Doncic led the Mavericks (6-4) with 34 points, nine assists and six rebounds. Kristaps Porzingis scored just four points on 1-of-11 shooting.

The Celtics released a statement during the opening quarter that said Hayward had surgery Monday to repair a fracture in his non-shooting hand. He was injured during their previous game in San Antonio when he collided with LaMarcus Aldridge as the Spurs' big man set a screen.

CLIPPERS 98, RAPTORS 88

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lou Williams scored 21 points, Kawhi Leonard just missed



Boston Celtics guard Kemba Walker (8) drives to the basket against Dallas Mavericks guard Seth Curry (30) during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game in Boston, Monday, Nov. 11, 2019.

Associated Press

a triple-double in his first game against his former team and Los Angeles beat the defending NBA champion Toronto Raptors. Leonard finished with 12 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists to go with nine turnovers. Last season, he led the Raptors to their first championship, averaging 30.5 points and 9.1 rebounds in 24 postseason games to earn his second Finals MVP honor.

Pascal Siakam had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the injury-depleted Raptors, who had their three-game winning streak snapped

in the second game of a back-to-back.

The Clippers shot just 37% but dominated the boards 66-38, led by 12 each from Patrick Beverley and JaMychal Green.

JAZZ 122, WARRIORS 108

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Rudy Gobert had 25 points and 14 rebounds as Utah topped Golden State.

Donovan Mitchell added 23 points and Mike Conley scored 22 for the Jazz, who improved to 7-3.

The injury-ravaged Warriors fell to an NBA-worst 2-9 and their frustrations boiled over in the fourth quarter.

Draymond Green, back after missing five games with a torn finger ligament, earned back-to-back technicals and an ejection for arguing a blocking call with 8:28 left.

Less than a minute later, coach Steve Kerr was given a technical after arguing a call.

D'Angelo Russell scored 33 points for Golden State, his fourth consecutive game of 30 or more.

ROCKETS 122, PELICANS 116

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — James Harden scored 39 points, including 13 straight in the fourth quarter, and

Houston beat short-handed New Orleans.

Russell Westbrook had 26 points and Clint Capela added 11 points and 20 rebounds to help the Rockets to their fourth straight win.

JJ Redick had 24 points, Josh Hart scored 19, and Jrue Holiday added 18 points, 11 assists and nine rebounds for the Pelicans, who played without leading scorer Brandon Ingram due to a sore right knee.

New Orleans pulled to 97-93 on a four-point play by Redick before Harden's scoring burst in a 2:10 span gave the Rockets a 110-93 lead with 5:20 left.

GRIZZLIES 113, SPURS 109

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Jaren Jackson Jr. had 24 points and Memphis put a damper on Tony Parker's jersey retirement by beating San Antonio.

Parker's uniform No. 9 was lifted to the rafters alongside fellow Big Three members Tim Duncan and Manu Ginobili following the game. They led San Antonio to four of its five championships and have the most wins (541) of any trio in NBA history.

Jackson was involved in two pivotal plays with the Grizzlies up 111-109 in the final minute. His 3-pointer with 25.5 seconds left was overturned when replays determined he was out of bounds. □

MLB checking after report 2017 Astros illegally stole signs

By The Associated Press

Major League Baseball has expanded its investigation into the Houston Astros after The Athletic website reported the team stole signs during home games in 2017 by using a camera positioned in center field.

The report Tuesday quoted pitcher Mike Fiers, who played for the Astros that season, and three other unidentified people with the club. The Astros won the World Series that year — two sources told The Athletic that Houston used the system into the playoffs while another source said it ended before the postsea-



This Sept. 11, 2016 file photo shows a wide angle view of Minute Maid Park in downtown Houston.

Associated Press

son.

The website said the process was started by a struggling hitter and a coach, neither of whom was identified. The camera at Minute Maid Park was

connected to a television monitor in the tunnel between the Astros' dugout and clubhouse, The Athletic said, and team employees or players would communicate expected pitch-

es by banging a trash can to signal off-speed pitches. "I just want the game to be cleaned up a little bit because there are guys who are losing their jobs because they're going in there not knowing," Fiers told the website.

The Astros said in a statement the team "has begun an investigation in cooperation with Major League Baseball" and declined additional comment.

MLB strengthened its rules against sign stealing before the 2019 season, instituting procedures attempting to ensure teams did not use video to steal signs.

"After we review this new information we will determine any necessary next steps," MLB said in a statement. MLB already is investigating the Astros. Assistant general manager Brandon Taubman was fired for directing inappropriate comments at female reporters during a clubhouse celebration after the team beat the New York Yankees to win the AL pennant on Oct. 19. The team issued and then retracted a statement accusing a Sports Illustrated reporter of trying to "fabricate a story." Taubman was fired by the Astros on Oct. 24. □

Mets' Alonso, Astros' Álvarez named Rookies of the Year

By JAKE SEINER

NEW YORK (AP) — Young sluggers known for their prodigious power, Pete Alonso and Yordan Álvarez knocked the Rookie of the Year voting out of the park. In a rarity for the major league home run leader, Alonso didn't land the biggest blow.

Alonso, a star first baseman with the New York Mets, got 29 of 30 first-place votes for NL Rookie of the Year. Braves right-hander Mike Soroka got the other first-place vote and finished second in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America revealed Monday night.

"To just win the award, doesn't matter if it's unanimous or not," Alonso said. "It's still such a blessing."

Álvarez, a hulking designated hitter from the Houston Astros, earned all 30 first-place votes to become the 24th unanimous selection since the award was introduced in 1949.

"I was really not expecting it," Álvarez said through a translator.

The 24-year-old Alonso led the majors with 53 homers, one better than Yankees slugger Aaron Judge's rookie record from 2017. "Polar Bear" Pete became the face of baseball in Flushing, beloved for his power, personality and philanthropy. He's the sixth Met to win the award and first since teammate Jacob deGrom in 2014.

Padres shortstop Fernando Tatis Jr. was third in NL balloting. The only voter to place Soroka ahead of Alonso was Andrew Baggarly of The Athletic. Alonso was the only NL player named on every ballot.

Álvarez, a 22-year-old from Cuba, played 87 games after debuting in June, fewest by any position player to win AL Rookie of the Year. He hit 27 homers, batted .313, drove in 78 and had a 1.067 OPS for the pennant-winning Astros. He struggled at times in the post-season, but that was after voting had concluded.

"My whole family was telling me I would be the winner of the award," Álvarez said. "And once I was selected as the winner, I was very excited."

He's the third Houston player to win, following teammate Carlos Correa in 2015 and Hall of Famer Jeff Bagwell in 1991.

Álvarez easily beat out the other AL finalists, with Orioles left-hander John Means second and Rays infielder Brandon Lowe third. The Mets agitated their fans by stashing Alonso at Triple-A through the end of the 2018 season, citing his inadequate defense at first base. He went to spring training this year battling with buddy Dominic Smith for the starting job, and Alonso wasn't even certain to crack the opening-day roster until being declared New York's primary first baseman a day before the regular season.

Alonso said he was challenged by first-year general manager Brodie Van Wagenen to "show up in shape and earn your spot." "I felt like I answered the bell," Alonso said.

The former Florida Gator became an instant star in the Mets' blue and orange. Wielding his hefty 34-inch, 32-ounce birch bat, Alonso hit .292 with nine homers, 26 RBIs and a 1.024 OPS over March and April, claiming the first of three NL Rookie of the Month honors. He put on a power-packed show while winning the All-Star Home Run Derby, and then cemented his fan-favorite status by donating \$100,000 of his \$1 million derby prize to charities supporting injured soldiers and 9/11 workers.

"Pete kept the same attitude that he came in spring training with through the entire season," Van Wagenen said. "He was a good teammate. He was a true professional. And obviously, he was a lightning in a bottle for all Mets fans." Alonso wore a hat reading "100%" on the broadcast while being named

the NL winner, but his vote total didn't match. The up-beat slugger was all smiles as usual — just like when teammates ripped off his jersey following a game-ending walk in September. "I'm not taking my shirt off for this one," Alonso joked. With a left-handed swing reminiscent of long-legged Hall of Famer Willie McCovey — another unanimous Rookie of the Year pick — Álvarez immediately entrenched himself in the middle of Houston's batting order. He hit seven homers in his first 12 games, and his OPS ranked fifth in the majors after he debuted June 9.

Álvarez's OPS was the highest ever by a rookie, surpassing Shoeless Joe Jackson's 1.058 mark in 1911.

"It's a dream for every player to get to the major leagues," Álvarez said. "I was basically living my dream."

McCovey appeared in 52 games while winning the NL award in 1959, the only total lower than Álvarez's.



In this Sept. 28, 2019, file photo, New York Mets' Pete Alonso reacts after hitting a home run during the third inning of a baseball game against the Atlanta Braves, in New York.

Associated Press



Houston Astros' Yordan Alvarez watches his two-run home run during the second inning of Game 5 of the baseball World Series against the Washington Nationals Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019, in Washington.

Associated Press

U.S. beats Japan 4-3 in Olympic baseball qualifying in Tokyo

By The Associated Press

Tampa Bay prospect Jake Cronenworth put the U.S. ahead to stay in the first inning, Angels draft pick Jo Adell homered and the Americans beat Japan 4-3 Tuesday night at the Tokyo Dome for their first win in the super round of an Olympic baseball qualifying tournament.

Clayton Richard, released by Toronto in September, got the win despite allowing two runs in 2 2/3 innings. Brandon Dickson, a former St. Louis pitcher who has spent seven seasons with Orix in Japan's Pacific League, struck out two in a perfect ninth for the save. Seattle's Penn Murfee started with three hitless innings.

In Tuesday's other games at the Premier12 tourna-

ment, Mexico beat Australia 3-0 and Taiwan defeated South Korea 7-0. Mexico leads with a 3-0 record, followed by Japan and South Korea (both 2-1), the U.S. and Taiwan (both 1-2) and Australia (0-3).

Managed by Scott Brosius, the U.S. plays Australia on Wednesday and Taiwan on Friday. The first- and second-place teams advance to the Premier12's gold-medal game and the third- and fourth-place teams play for the bronze. The top finisher from the Americas, the U.S. or Mexico, qualifies for the Tokyo Olympics next year. The second-place finisher from the Americas goes to a final qualifying tournament in March or April. Japan and Israel already

are assured berths in the six-nation Olympic field.

Hideto Asamura drove in all three runs for Japan with RBI singles in the fourth, sixth and eighth innings, the first two off Richard and the last against Tampa Bay's Spencer Jones.

Cronenworth had an RBI grounder in the first that scored Philadelphia's Alec Bohm, who had doubled leading off against Rei Takahashi. Boston's Bobby Dalbec added a run-scoring double in the third.

Oakland's Mark Payton doubled leading off the fifth and scored on Bohm's single. Adell, selected by the Los Angeles Angels with the 10th overall pick in the 2017 amateur draft, homered off Yuda Ono in the seventh.



By Carlos M Viana, OMD-Oriental Medicine, CCN-Board Certified Clinical Nutritionist

SANTA CRUZ - President John F. Kennedy in a speech given at the dinner before the America's Cup Races of 1962 said "All of us have in our veins the exact same percentage of salt in our blood that exists in the ocean, and, therefore, we have salt in our blood, in our sweat, in our tears. We are tied to the ocean. And when we go back to the sea -- whether it is to sail or to watch it -- we are going back from whence we came." Wise words and physiologically correct. Salt is the spark plug of our metabolic system. Although, medical researchers have associated eating an excess of salt with high blood pressure, not having enough salt has its own set of health problems. Salt is essential for the prevention of muscle cramps and the twenty-seven percent of the body's salt which is in the bones is absolutely vital to making the structure of bones firm. Osteoporosis, in a major way, is a result of salt and water shortage in the body. Vital for maintaining sexuality and libido, salt also helps prevent varicose and spider veins.

Hyponatremia is a lack of sodium in the blood caused by excessive sweating, persistent diar-

Blood, Salt and Tears

rhea, overuse of diuretic drugs, or too drastic a salt free diet. The symptoms generally mirror those of dehydration which include apathy, confusion, nausea, and fatigue. Test subjects in clinical studies on salt and blood pressure consume standard table salt. Additionally, researchers did not adjust for characteristics that might have predisposed subjects to hypertension, including high rates of alcohol consumption, high body mass index, very low potassium excretion, and dehydration. Unrefined sea salt is a much healthier choice than common table salt. Natural sea salt contains about 80 mineral elements that the body needs.

Because high blood pressure rarely has any symptoms, the only way to know if you are at risk it is to have it measured. I recommend that everyone have their blood pressure taken while lying down in a stress-free environment. Blood pressure values can be pushed higher by pain, anxiety, including the stress of visiting the doctor, sometimes called the white coat syndrome, or some medications.

Blood pressure (BP) comes in two numbers. There is a high and low number usually written as a high/low. The high number represents the systolic BP and is the pressure of the heart pumping your blood. The low number represents the diastolic BP and is the pressure your blood pushes against on the walls of your arteries when your heart is not pumping or is at "rest." Normal blood pressure should range between 100/70 to 120/80. If your BP is higher than these numbers, you have a greater risk of developing cardiovascular disease, problems with your heart and or arteries. We describe your risk as moderate if your pressure is around 140/100. Severe risk is 160/115, or more and a physician should be consulted immediately.

Everybody should be aware of hypertension and vascular disease which are heart and circulatory problems. The higher your blood pressure, the greater your risk of stroke, heart attack and heart failure. Hypotension or low blood pressure can result in loss of consciousness. Allopathic medicine commonly treats blood pressure problems with pharmaceuticals. Several medical studies have monitored people taking blood pressure lowering drugs, typically diuretics and beta-blockers. The conclusion of these

studies is that people suffer from many unnecessary side effects, among them impotence and an increased risk for heart disease, just what you are trying to avoid. Additionally, some people have an imbalance where the body does not excrete sodium. For these individuals, diuretics can actually make the problem worse by also lowering potassium levels.


The World Health Organization has listed hypertension, or high blood pressure, as one of the conditions treated effectively by acupuncture. In many cases high blood pressure can be brought under control through changes in diet and lifestyle. Lifestyle factors may include caffeine, alcohol intake, stress, lack of exercise, and smoking. Attaining ideal body weight is perhaps the single most important recommendation we can make to lower BP.

Dietary problems include the modern diet of low-fiber, high sugar, high saturated fat and insufficient intake of magnesium, vitamin C and essential fatty acids. Specific dietary factors include high sodium to potassium ratio. Natural sea salt, not the highly processed table salt readily available, will not harm you if your intake of potassium and water is balanced. Fresh fruit is a good source of potassium. Drinking enough clean water is critical for nearly every bodily function. Dietary supplements can also provide support, but it's a good idea to check your personal needs with a certified clinical nutritionist.

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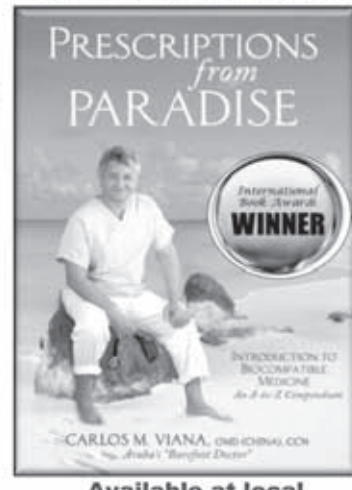


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Stocks rally on Wall Street ahead of Trump speech on trade

By STAN CHOE

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks climbed Tuesday, and indexes rode a rising tide toward more records.

All but one of the 11 sectors that make up the S&P 500 were higher in morning trading, led by health care and technology companies, and two stocks rose in the index for every one that fell. Momentum for the market has been upward for more than five weeks as worries about the U.S.-China trade war have eased, among other factors.

President Donald Trump may give more clues about how trade talks are going this afternoon, when he gives a speech at the Economic Club of New York on trade and economic policy. Uncertainty in the market has climbed after U.S. and Chinese officials gave conflicting signals last week about whether they've agreed to any tariff rollbacks as part of the "Phase One" trade agree-



Specialist Anthony Rinaldi, left, and trader Fred DeMarco work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019.

Associated Press

ment they're negotiating. Besides expectations for a stopgap deal on the trade war, stocks have jumped recently due to interest-rate cuts by the Federal Reserve, data showing the economy is still growingly

solidly and corporate earnings reports for the summer that weren't as weak as expected.

The rising confidence in markets has meant fewer buyers piling into the safety of gold, which dropped

Tuesday to its lowest price in more than three months. Treasury yields were steady after trading resumed following Monday's holiday in observance of Veterans Day.

KEEPING SCORE: The S&P

500 was up 0.4%, as of 11:40 a.m. Eastern time. Earlier, it crossed above the 3,100 level for the first time.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average climbed 46 points, or 0.2%, to 27,738, and the Nasdaq composite gained 0.5%.

YIELDS: The yield on the 10-year Treasury was at 1.93%, the same level that it was at late Friday. It was below 1.50% in early September and has been rallying with confidence in the economy's strength.

Reports have shown that the job market is still growing, which should help households keep spending at a strong clip. Such spending makes up the bulk of the economy, and the expectation is that it can more than make up for the weakness in manufacturing that the trade war is causing.

DON'T CROSS THE STREAMS: Disney rose 1.6% on the day that its highly anticipated streaming video service, Disney Plus, launched. □

World Bank cuts back project in China's restive Xinjiang

Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — The World Bank is cutting back a \$50 million project in China's restive Xinjiang region following a review prompted by allegations of abuses.

A statement from the bank dated Monday said it would close a component of the project to support vocational colleges involving partner schools that were the subject of the abuse claims.

It said although visits to the partner schools "did not substantiate the allegations," they were too widely dispersed to be properly

monitored for adherence to bank standards.

"In addition, the project will be placed under enhanced supervision to ensure that all applicable Bank standards are adhered to," the bank said.

The statement a review was ordered after serious allegations about the partner schools were received in August, but did not describe them in detail.

"The World Bank's work is driven by core principles of inclusion, with special consideration for the protection of minorities and other vulnerable peoples,"

it said. "When allegations are made, the World Bank takes them seriously and reviews them thoroughly."

While the partner schools account for just 1% of the project's financing, the move is politically significant because China has been criticized for confining more than 1 million members of Muslim minority ethnic groups in Xinjiang.

China says they are being offered training to reduce poverty and extremism. Critics say they are political reeducation camps where inmates are held indefinitely without due process, subject to abuse and forced to renounce their traditional religion and culture while pledging loyalty to Communist Party leader Xi Jinping.

There was no immediate comment from China on the bank's decision.

The World Bank project aims to upgrade the curriculum, teacher skills and post-graduation employment opportunities offered by five long-established public vocational colleges in Xinjiang, the bank said. □

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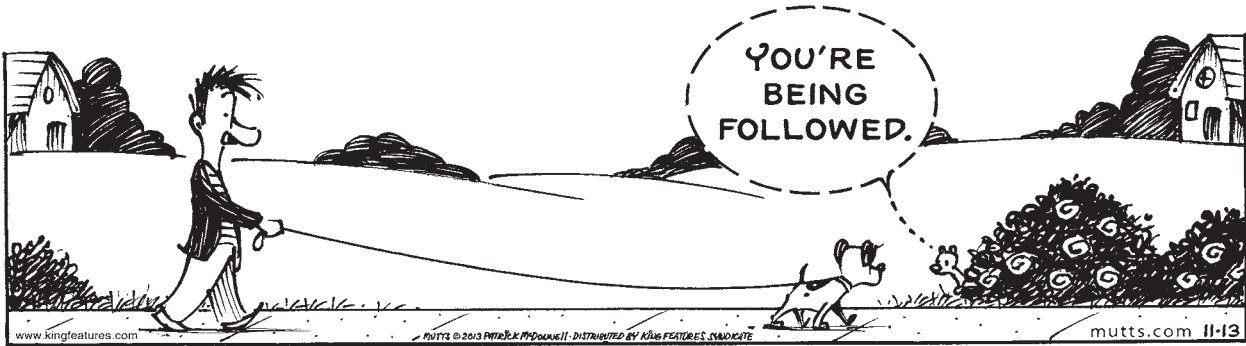
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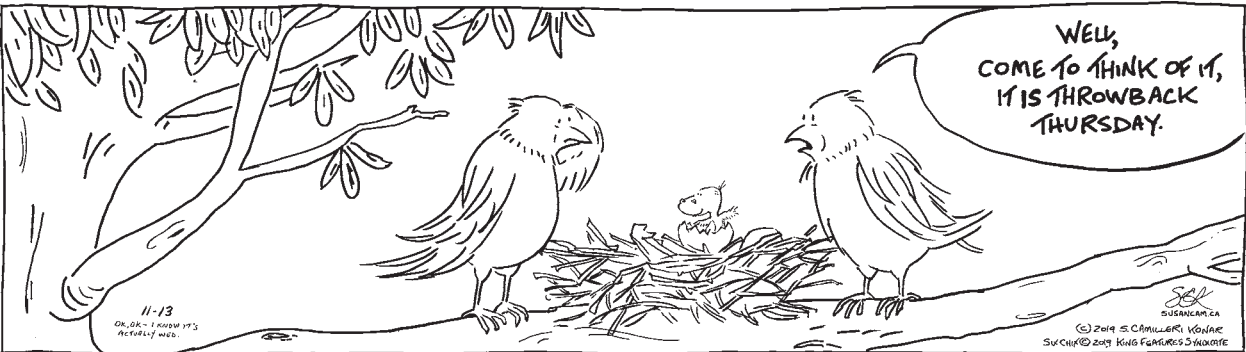
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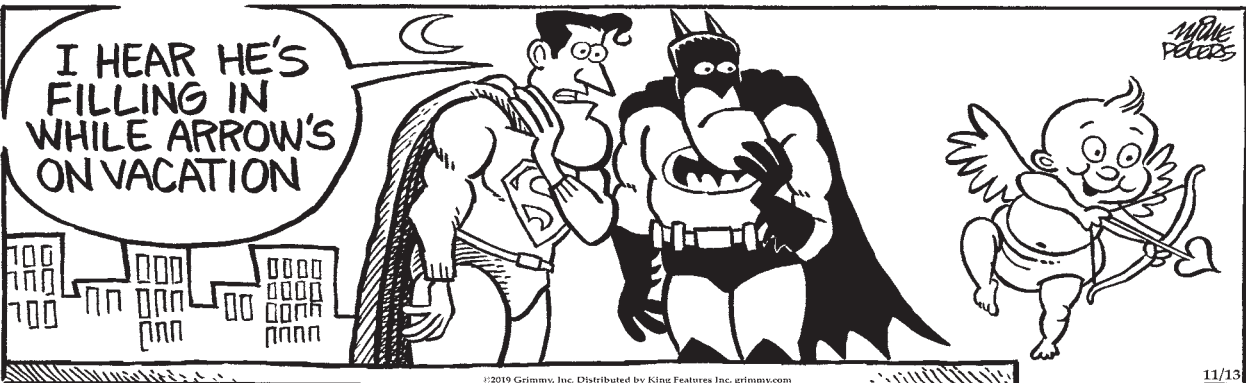
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Difficulty Level ★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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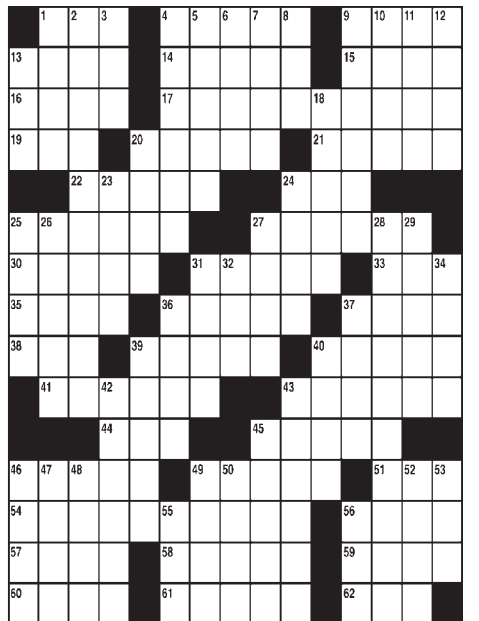
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ACROSS

- Carp
- Regions
- Crusty wound covering
- Part of the ear
- "Beauty and the _"
- Sheltered inlet
- Evict
- Abnormal heartbeat
- Tres minus dos
- No longer fresh
- Takes notice of
- Approach midnight
- Carrey or Belushi
- Gravies
- Break in a kid's school day
- Weasel's cousin
- Smooth and shiny
- Can top
- Passed away
- Slumber
- Alpha's follower
- _ at once; suddenly
- Courted
- Panama or Suez
- Oppressive ruler
- Cheap & gaudy
- D's followers
- Furniture wood
- Skier's surface
- Glowed
- Rural address letters
- Freedom
- French mother
- Uganda's Idi _
- Military chaplain
- As straight _ arrow
- Actor Damon
- Thick with pines
- Suffix for moral or human

DOWN

- Person, place or thing
- Without a doubt
- Acquire
- Diminishes
- Aired again
- James _ Jones
- Arthur with a racket
- Pig's abode
- Wily plot
- Arrive
- Enthusiastic
- Arthur & others
- Baseball's Gehrig
- _skinned; able to take criticism
- Ending for mob or dump
- _ a test; passed easily
- Military vehicle
- Word before jerk or pop
- Leaning
- Film critic Rex
- Thinnest
- Ravi Shankar's strings
- Opening for mail
- Gen. Robert E. _
- Actor Tim _
- Melody
- Cry hard
- Thin cookie
- _ of Good Hope



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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LION	EMILY	SHOE
ELMO	CONFESSION	
DYE	HANK	PUNKS
CLING	PRE	
GROANS	ROASTS	
REMIT	SHEET	RED
AVID	PLEAT	FINE
BUN	SLUMP	CEASE
EGGNOG	CORNER	
LAD	WRING	
EDGAR	THAN	UFO
TENDERFOOT	FLOW	
CLAY	EROSE	BARN
HITS	VOTER	IRKS

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- Regret one's sins
- Stay out of sight
- Sunbathed
- Become dog-eared
- Actress Mary Tyler _
- Extra bedroom, perhaps
- Close angrily
- Isn't _ to; probably won't
- Peru's largest city
- Sad news, for short
- 56 _ tai; rum cocktail
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Sorry, wrong number: Statistical benchmark comes under fire

By **MALCOLM RITTER**

NEW YORK (AP) — Earlier this fall Dr. Scott Solomon presented the results of a huge heart drug study to an audience of fellow cardiologists in Paris.

The results Solomon was describing looked promising: Patients who took the medication had a lower rate of hospitalization and death than patients on a different drug.

Then he showed his audience another number.

"There were some gasps, or 'Ooohs,'" Solomon, of Harvard's Brigham and Women's Hospital, recalled recently. "A lot of people were disappointed."

One investment analyst reacted by reducing his forecast for peak sales of the drug — by \$1 billion.

What happened?

The number that caused the gasps was 0.059. The audience was looking for something under 0.05.

What it meant was that Solomon's promising results had run afoul of a statistical concept you may never have heard of: statistical significance. It's an all-or-nothing thing. Your statistical results are either significant, meaning they are reliable, or not significant, indicating an unacceptably high chance that they were just a fluke.

The concept has been used for decades. It holds a lot of sway over how scientific results are appraised, which studies get published, and what medicines make it to drugstores.

But this year has brought two high-profile calls from critics, including from inside the arcane world of statistics, to get rid of it — in part out of concern that it prematurely dismisses results like Solomon's.

Significance is reflected



In this July 1, 1960 file photo, a chemist works in laboratory in Cambridge, Mass.

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in a calculation that produces something called a p-value. Usually, if this produces a p-value of less than .05, the study findings are considered significant. If not, the study has failed the test.

Solomon's study just missed. So the apparent edge his drug was showing over the other medication was deemed insignificant. By this criterion there was no "real" difference.

Solomon believes the drug in fact produced a real benefit and that a larger or longer-lasting study could have reached statistical significance.

"I'm not crying over spilled milk," he said. "We do set the rules. The question is, is that the right way to go about it?"

He's not alone in asking that question.

"It is a safe bet that people have suffered or died because scientists (and editors, regulators, journalists and others) have used significance tests to interpret results," epidemiologist Kenneth Rothman of RTI Health

Solutions in Research Triangle Park, N.C., and Boston University wrote in 2016.

The danger is both that a potentially beneficial medical finding can be ignored because a study doesn't reach statistical significance, and a harmful or fruitless medical practice could be accepted simply because it does, he said in an email.

The p-value cutoff for significance is "a measure that has gained gatekeeper status ... not only for publication but for people to take your results seriously," says Northwestern University statistician Blake McShane.

It's no wonder that a statistician, at a recent talk to journalists about the issue just before Halloween, displayed a slide of a jack-o'-lantern carved with this sight, obviously terrifying to anyone in science or medicine: "P = .06."

McShane and others argue that the importance of the p-value threshold is underserved. He co-authored a call to abolish the notion of statistical significance, which was published in the prestigious journal *Nature* this year. The proposal attracted more than 800 co-signers.

Even the American Statistical Association, which had never issued any formal statement on specific statistical practices, came down hard in 2016 on using

any kind of p-value cutoff in this way. And this year it went further, declaring in a special issue with 43 papers on the subject, "It is time to stop using the term 'statistically significant' entirely."

What's the problem? McShane and others list several:

— P-value does not directly measure the likelihood that the outcome of an experiment just is a fluke. What it really represents is widely misunderstood, even by scientists and some statisticians, said Nicole Lazar, a statistics professor at the University of Georgia.

— Using a label of statistical significance "gives more certainty that is actually warranted," Lazar said. "We should recognize the fact that there is uncertainty in our findings."

— The traditional cutoff of 0.05 is arbitrary.

— Statistical significance does not necessarily mean "significant" — or that a finding is important practically or scientifically, Lazar says. It might not even be true: Solomon cites a large heart drug study that found a significant treatment effect for patients born in August but not July, obviously just a random fluctuation.

— The term "statistical significance" sets up a goal line for researchers, a clear measure of success or failure. That means researchers can try a little bit too hard to reach it. They may deliberately game the system to get an acceptable p-value, or just unconsciously choose analytic methods that help, McShane and Lazar said.

— That can distort the effects not only of individual experiments, but also the cumulative results of studies on a given topic, so that overall a drug can look "a lot better than it actually is," McShane said.

What should be done instead? Abolish the bright line of statistical significance, and just report the p-value along with other analyses to give a more comprehensive outline of what the test result may mean, McShane and others say.

It may not be as clear-cut as a simple declaration of significance or insignificance, but "we'll have a better idea of what's going on," Lazar said. "I think it will be easier to weed out the bad work."

Not everybody buys the idea of doing away with statistical significance. Prominent Stanford researcher Dr. John Ioannidis says that abolition "could promote bias. Irrefutable nonsense would rule." Although he agrees that a p-value standard of less than .05 is weak and easily abused, he believes scientists should use a more stringent p-value or other statistical measure instead, specified before the experiment is performed.

McShane said that although calls for abolishing statistical significance have been raised for years, there seems to be more momentum lately.

"Maybe," he said, "it's time to put the nail in the coffin on this one for good." □

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Glam holiday décor that gets the party started

By KIM COOK
Associated Press

Had enough of all that serene winter wonderland decor, the birch trees and reindeer and sleighs? Ready to change it up this year and boogie down? Then consider digging out the legwarmers and Donna Summer CDs before you start decorating. British retailer John Lewis, known for Christmas décor and evocative holiday commercials, has declared "Party" to be one of the big themes for 2019. Flamingo, cassette tape and balloon animal ornaments join holographic ribbon bows and sequined tassels in their collection.

Home Depot's trend and design director Sarah Fishburne sees the look as a twist on vintage holiday décor.

"Christmas is about embracing the over-the-top, and no other era says over the top like the '80s," she says. "We're seeing a resurgence of flocked trees



This undated photo provided by Home Depot shows the Twinkly 600-light, 7.5 ft Swiss Mountain tree, which lets you use an app to program whatever colored light gymnastics you'd like.

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and larger, multi-color light strands. To incorporate the iconic retro vibe, think about a bright, rainbow palette and layering metallics across ornaments, trees and tabletop décor."

Etsy's trend expert Dayna

Isom Johnson echoes the call for color: "One of the biggest trends on the rise is using neon tones to deck the halls, a bright look inspired by city lights and billboards."

What's great about the

glam look is that you can have fun decorating with it regardless of how you celebrate the season. Just bear in mind that you're aiming for Dance Floor rather than North Pole, so forgo any rustic cabins or woodsy

red-and-green plaids. Home Depot's Twinkly 600-light, 7.5-foot-tall Swiss Mountain tree lets you use an app to program whatever colored-light gymnastics you'd like. And for the front of the house, there are multicolored laser lights that project eight holographic moving patterns like swirls, fireflies and starbursts. Turn a traditional green tree into a playful decorative element by adding several strings of hot pink or purple lights; Walmart and Target have options in mini and regular sizes.

For a small living space or entryway, check out West Elm's slim pop-up cone tree, which is enrobed in silver tinsel and trimmed with multicolored metallic dots. If you've got a little more room, go with one of their bushy gold or blush pink tinsel trees. You'll find pretty glitter-encrusted, mirrored glass, and gilded-beads ball ornaments here, as well as glass rainbow and confetti balls. □

Provocative Atlantic asks how civil war can be avoided

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) — The Atlantic magazine was founded in the years leading up to the Civil War, so it's worth noting when it produces a special new issue on the theme, "How to stop a Civil War."

The issue went to newsstands and its articles were posted online Tuesday, the day before the House begins public impeachment hearings on President Donald Trump, timing both fortuitous and coincidental.

"It seemed fairly obvious that a magazine of the American idea should look hard at the question of whether the country is coming apart," said Jeffrey Goldberg, Atlantic's editor. He's not comparing the current era to November 1857, when the first Atlantic issue was published, "but it does feel that something has come off the rails a little bit," Goldberg said.

Among the pieces in the new issue are Yoni Appel-

baum's look at the impact of demographic changes, where nonwhites will soon become a majority; Jonathan Haidt and Tobias Rose-Stockwell's report on the destabilizing effect of social media; and Jonathan Rauch and Ray La Raja's examination of a political system that increasingly punishes moderate viewpoints.

"We have political and media and technological systems that reward extremism," Goldberg said.

Trump is a symptom of what has been happening to the country, not the cause, the editor said.

Lest the issue seem unrelentingly negative, it also contains a wistful piece by author Tom Junod on how Mister Rogers might react to the current times, and playwright Lin-Manuel Miranda explores the impact of art in a troubled era.

While Atlantic writers offer some suggestions on how to get beyond current

problems, Goldberg cautioned that "it's not the job of journalists to make you feel better. It's the job of journalists to tell you what's going on."

It may seem quaint to think a magazine with a paid circulation of 450,000 could have an impact on the national conversation. But that measurement is a reflection of another time, too. The Atlantic's website has 30 million unique visitors a month, Goldberg said.

The magazine has been growing, adding 80 new positions since announcing an expansion in February 2018. It launched a new digital subscription plan with three tiers of service in September. The Atlantic said its digital revenue growth has thus far exceeded expectations.

Goldberg said the response indicates a desire for carefully reported and edited long-form journalism.

"Our desire is to inform and contextualize and argue



This cover image released by The Atlantic shows their December issue "How to Stop a Civil War."

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and provoke all at the same time," he said. The new issue also coincides with a redesign of

both the magazine and website. The December issue's cover image is a red and blue handprint. □



This image released by Showtime shows Daisy Haggard in a scene from "Back to Life," premiering on Nov. 10.
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Parolee is no hometown hero in TV comedy 'Back to Life'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An actor who can provoke belly laughs with grunts clearly is gifted. Fans of the show business comedy "Episodes" will fondly recall Daisy Haggard's skill at unleashing a symphony of nasal grumbles, effectively underscored by a sourpuss grimace.

A far different Haggard character, funny but also touching, is on display in Showtime's "Back to Life," about a woman who lands in her seaside English hometown after 18 years in prison. Mum and dad (warily) welcome her return to their lives and her frozen-in-time teenage bedroom, but the villagers aren't so forgiving of her crime.

Different perspectives on the misdeed are gradually unveiled during the six-episode comedy series (debuting 10 p.m. EST Sunday), a project that grew in part from Haggard's contemplation of gender inequity. "I was so interested in how we vilify women who have done something bad, so much more than we do with men," she said. Add in Haggard's fondness for underdogs and her speculation about how a woman in her late 30s would fare without a partner or job or respect, and the result is Miri.

"How hard would it be to

start your life? If you met someone, fell in love, it's something you're going to have to tell you to tell them," Haggard said of the character's wrongdoing, which also appears to have sentenced her to a truly unfortunate haircut.

The concept may not "sound very funny, but there's comedy within," Haggard said, along with something equally important. "I love things that have a big heart, because I think that's everything, really. So we really wanted the show to be all those things, but then to have a big, big, big heart."

The series, which aired earlier this year on Britain's BBC, was written by Haggard with Laura Solon ("Hot in Cleveland"). It boasts as executive producers Harry and Jack Williams, whose credits include the Emmy-winning comedy series "Fleabag" from creator-star Phoebe Waller-Bridge.

"When I met Phoebe, I thought, 'This woman is brilliant. She's hilarious. She makes me laugh ... and what would her show look like?'" recalled Harry Williams. "And I have the exact same thing with Daisy. They're completely different shows. They're completely different sensibilities. But what they are is unique voices."

The "Back to Life" cast includes Geraldine James and Richard Durden as her parents, Jamie Michie as her first love and Adeel Akhtar as her neighbor. (Haggard is eager to give props to fellow writer Solon, just as she does with "Episodes" creators David Crane and Jeffrey Klarik for the utterances she says they precisely scripted.) Easygoing and quick to smile during an interview, Haggard says she shares Miri's durable optimism. That begins and ends the parallels between the ill-fated character and the actress, who has a busy career (including the upcoming TV comedy "Breeders," with Martin Freeman) and full personal life. Haggard, 41, is married to musician Joe Wilson and was pregnant with their second child when "Back to You" was ordered.

Haggard's paternal family tree has deep creative roots. Her father is writer and director Piers Haggard (1966's "Blow-Up," 1978's "Pennies from Heaven"), her grandfather was actor and writer Stephen Haggard, and she's the great-great-niece of H. Rider Haggard, whose 19th-century adventure and fantasy novels included "King Solomon's Mines," "Allan Quatermain" and "She." □

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Simply Red back to '70s basics on 'Blue Eyed Soul'



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By PABLO GORONDI
Associated Press
Simply Red, "Blue Eyed Soul"

(BMG)
"Blue Eyed Soul," Simply Red's 12th album, is not innovative, groundbreaking, cutting-edge, topical or extensive.

But it's a lot of fun and its title is comfortingly accurate. Mick Hucknall's band, together in its current incarnation for over 15 years, has been closely identified with soul and R&B since its 1985 debut "Picture Book." This album can be considered a sequel to Hucknall's second solo record, "American Soul," a 2012 collection

of covers. While the music on the two records hits many of the same cues, the 10 new songs were all written by Hucknall and reflect how deeply the icons of the genre, from James Brown and Maurice White to Curtis Mayfield and Nile Rodgers, are ingrained in his craft. Long after his wild years, Hucknall appears to be a model of domesticity and says he wrote songs he thought the rest of the band would "like to play night after night." □

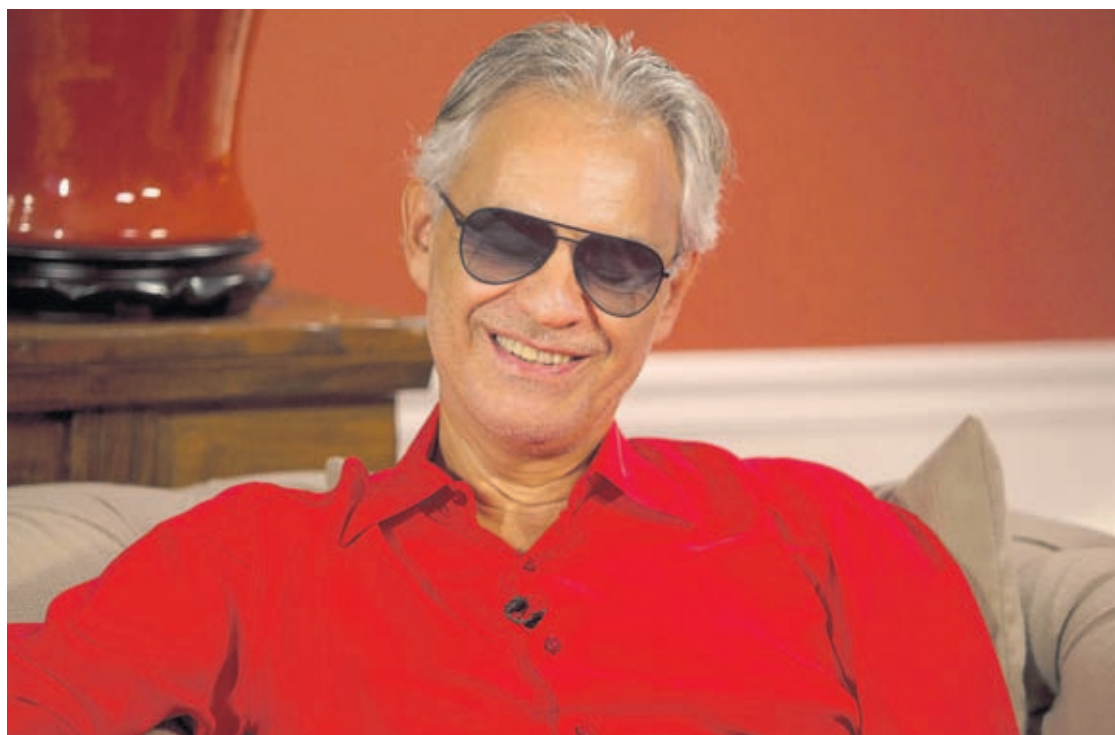
Singer Andrea Bocelli: 'Absurd' to shun opera legend Domingo

By ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON
MIAMI (AP) — Italian tenor

Andrea Bocelli is staunchly defending opera legend Placido Domingo, calling it "absurd" that opera houses have canceled the star's performances over sexual harassment allegations before they are fully investigated.

"I am still appalled at what happened to this incredible artist," Bocelli said. "I don't understand this. Tomorrow a lady can just come up and say Andrea Bocelli molested me 10 years ago, and from that day on, no one wants to sing with me anymore; the opera houses won't call me anymore. This is absurd."

Bocelli spoke to The Associated Press through an Italian translator during an interview at his Miami-area home. Bocelli, one of the world's most famous classical singers, is preparing for a U.S. tour that begins next month in San Francisco and closes with two nights at New York City's Madison



This Nov. 8, 2019 photo shows Italian tenor Andrea Bocelli during an interview at his home in North Miami, Fla.

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Square Garden.

Three U.S. music companies canceled Domingo appearances following allegations of sexual harassment made by multiple women in two AP stories earlier this year and

he withdrew from a slate of performances at New York's Metropolitan Opera. The AP spoke to more than 20 women, many of whom said Domingo tried to pressure them into sexual relationships and sometimes

punished them professionally if they rejected him. One soprano said he grabbed her bare breast under her robe.

Domingo has disputed the allegations, calling them "in many ways, simply incor-

rect."

Bocelli is the most prominent artist to speak out on the Spanish opera star's behalf, taking issue with the "call-out culture" and arguing that people should differentiate between public figures' morality and their artistry and skills.

If criminal accusations are brought forward, Bocelli said, people should not make a judgment until the accused person is convicted and sentenced.

"Whenever that happens, then the moral judgment against this person would of course change on my end, but not the artistic judgment, because they are two different things," he said.

"There have been in the past many artists who have dubious morality," Bocelli said, adding that there are two aspects to judging an artist. "One is the moral one, which must be dealt with in courts and here on Earth and by our good Lord up in the skies. □"

Special South African gin is infused with elephant dung

By NQOBILE NTSHANGASE
MOSSEL BAY, South Africa

(AP) — The makers of a South African gin infused with elephant dung swear their use of the animal's excrement is no gimmick.

The creators of Indlovu Gin, Les and Paula Ansley, stumbled across the idea a year ago after learning that elephants eat a variety of fruits and flowers and yet digest less than a third of it.

"As a consequence, in the elephant dung, you get the most amazing variety of these botanicals," Les Ansley said during a recent visit to their operations. "Why don't we let the elephants do the hard work of collecting all these botanicals and we will make gin from it?" he recalled his wife suggesting.

Her idea came after a safari during which a wildlife ranger described an elephant's digestive process. Weeks later, he said his wife woke him up in the middle of the night with the inspi-



A gin tasting session is held at the Botlierskop Private Game Reserve, near Mossel Bay, South Africa, Monday, Oct. 23, 2019.

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ration. "OK," I said sleepily. "Let's give this a bash. Let's see how it works out."

The first batch of elephant dung came by mail from the park where they had taken their safari. Then the

couple, both scientists, puzzled for a while before working out the gin-making process.

Now they collect the dung themselves, using their bare hands.

They described the gin's flavor as "lovely, wooded, almost spicy, earthy" and one that changes subtly with the seasons and location.

The gin bottles are marked

with the date and coordinates of where the elephant dung was collected. "So, you're able to compare almost different vintages of the gin," Ansley said.

After about five sizeable bags of dung are collected for a batch of 3,000 to 4,000 bottles of the gin, the droppings are dried and crumbled, then washed to remove dirt and sand. Eventually only the remains of the fruits, flowers, leaves and bark eaten by the elephants are left behind.

Those botanicals are then sterilized and dried again and placed in an airing cupboard. Think of it like a "spice cupboard," Ansley said. Eventually, the remains are infused in the gin. The couple are not above testing the gin on friends before explaining its provenance. Even with an explanation in advance, they get raised eyebrows.

"The initial reaction of most people is, 'What? There's no way.' □"

Paella for one: Barcelona dazzles when you're traveling solo

By COURTNEY BONNELL

BARCELONA, Spain (AP)

— They were on girls' trips, guys' trips, family vacations and honeymoons.

They were on the train, sharing massive platters of seafood paella and packed into Anton Gaudí's mind-bending architectural jewels.

And then there was me. The solo female traveler in Barcelona.

If you're taking a solo trip for the first time, a European city like Barcelona is a good place to start. The city is dynamic, the streets and cafes are always packed, it's safe to walk around at night and people mostly speak English.

Barcelona on your own means meandering the Gothic Quarter's narrow streets or the Eixample neighborhood's high-end stores and 19th century architecture at your speed. And no judgment when you stop for gelato or churros and chocolate twice a day.

If you're planning a trip, be aware of the political conflict that's turned violent at times in Catalonia's capital. Spain's highest court sentenced leaders of a Catalan independence movement to prison last month, setting off waves of protests. I was in the city the day the ruling came down and luckily only saw peaceful protesters blocking roads and rallying with flags.

In roughly four days in Barcelona, here are some must-dos and need-to-



This Oct. 14, 2019 photo shows the inside of Palau de la Música Catalana, built by famed architect Lluís Domènech i Montaner, in Barcelona, Spain.

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knows for navigating the city solo.

EATING ALONE

The toughest part about on-your-own journeys can be mealtime. Sit at the bar, where you can chat with the bartender and get tips from locals or other tourists. But don't be scared away from Barcelona's patios and plazas. Cafés and bars — not the thumping-music, cruising-for-singles bars, but where most people grab tapas and wine — are everywhere and bustling.

While tapas let you sample delicacies like cod croquettes and calamari, you don't have to miss out on the paella that's usually for

two or more: Chefs would make a solo serving of the rice dish.

Save most of your appetite for Spain's traditionally large lunch. The menú del día will give you three courses and beer or wine for 10 to 20 euro.

WALK IT OUT

You'll now have plenty of fuel to hoof it 12 miles (19 kilometers) a day and truly breathe in the city. I took a train just once in Barcelona. Many sights are blocks apart, including Anton Gaudí's iconic Casa Batlló and Casa Milà — his wavy, mosaic-encrusted modernist buildings on the bustling Passeig de Gràcia shopping street.

It only takes 10 minutes between his masterpiece, the unfinished Basílica de Sagrada Família, and the unmissable Sant Pau Recinte Modernista, a working hospital until a decade ago that was designed by Gaudí's teacher, Lluís Domènech i Montaner. But it's going to take a couple of miles to get between those sights in the Eixample neighborhood and the older Gothic Quarter.

BREAKING DOWN SIGHT-SEEING

First, grab a SIM card at the airport so you can Google

the names of tapas and walking instructions.

One day, start at Gaudí's Park Güell and get ready to climb a hill. Part of the park is free — you can see his viaducts and gardens — but don't skip the paid area. It has a large square lined with a colorful smashed-tile bench and boasts views of the whole city.

It's like a fairy tale — one that's perfect for a selfie — with homes that look like life-sized gingerbread houses, mosaic-encrusted stairs, grottos and a winding stone portico.

Walk back via Carrer Gran de Gràcia in the hip Gràcia neighborhood, bus-

tling with cafes and shops tucked into modernist buildings. See Gaudí's Casa Vicens, covered with tiles of yellow flowers, down a side street.

Another day, book ahead the Basílica de Sagrada Família, Gaudí's famous unfinished church with breathtaking stained-glass windows. Cranes hoist stones above its towers, working to realize the architect's vision a lifetime later. Pay for the audioguide.

Walk 10 minutes to Sant Pau Recinte Modernista, Barcelona's best kept secret. Each of its brick wings has a sumptuous red- and yellow-tiled roof, embossed with religious sculpture. There are few visitors despite its proximity to the most visited landmark in the city.

It's a UNESCO World Heritage Site along with Montaner's stunning Palau de la Música Catalana. A required tour of the music hall's crescendo of colorful stained glass and mosaics is pricey but worth it, and you may even catch musicians practicing.

MONTSERRAT

For a respite from city life, carve out a half-day for this mountain monastery. Load up on snacks and get to Plaça d'Espanya train station, where English-speaking workers will help you buy a ticket from the machines for the hourlong train. The kiosks didn't take cash or an American credit card unless it had a PIN attached, so bring your debit card and expect a foreign transaction fee. □



This Oct. 13, 2019 photo shows the mountaintop monastery of Montserrat about an hour's train ride from Barcelona, Spain.

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This Oct. 14, 2019 photo shows seafood paella at a restaurant in Barcelona, Spain.

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